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GREEK SOVEREIGN LEAVES PIRAEUS ABOARD STEAMER

Only Brief Message Regarding Departure of King and Queen Comes Out of the Capital

Indications Are Censor Has Drawn Curtain Temporarily on Drama in Progress in Balkans

LONDON, Dec. 18.—King George and Queen Elizabeth of Greece left Piraeus last night aboard a steamer, says an agency dispatch from the Greek capital.

This brief message was the only thing in the way of a press report that had come out of Athens today up to 3:30 o'clock. Official advice also was lacking, and the indications were that the Greek censor had drawn the curtain temporarily on the drama in progress in Greece, the climax of which was to be the departure of the King and the Queen, practically as well.

The most recent dispatches from Greece gave no indication of any untoward happenings there. Previous reports had stated that the departure of the King would be followed by the establishment of a regency under Admiral Kondouriotis and that the King's absence would be regarded as a "leave," pending the decision of the newly-elected national assembly as to the future form of the Hellenic Government. The general belief was expressed, however, that King George's departure would be for good, in many quarters the tendency of Greece toward a republican form of government is considered strong.

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MUSSOLINI MINISTER JOINS THE FASCISTI

By Special Cable

ROME, Dec. 18.—The Minister of Public Works, Signor Carnazza, formerly belonging to the Social Democrats, was yesterday admitted to the ranks of the Fascisti Party. The Cabinet, therefore, with the exception of the ministers of war and the navy, Gen. Armando Diaz and Vice-Admiral Thaon di Revel, respectively, who do not belong to any political party, and Signor di Cesare, who is a monarchist, are now Fascisti. Signor Carnazza's admission to the Fascisti Party is a political event of great importance, as it alters substantially the situation in Sicily, where Signor Carnazza is extremely popular, thus strengthening the position of the Fascisti.

Benito Mussolini, the Premier, reiterates that nothing is decided as regards early elections, although several facts are in evidence that a decree of the dissolution of the Chamber will be issued in the near future.

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Admiral Kondouriotis
Ex-Minister of Marine, Who Has Been Asked to Administer the Kingdom During the Absence of George II

GLUECKSBURG DYNASTY SEES END OF ITS SPAN IN GREECE; REPUBLIC GROWING IN FAVOR

Result of Forthcoming Plebiscite Scarcely Open to Doubt, Although Many Greeks Recognize Inconvenience of Departing From Monarchy

By Crawford Bruce

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The departure of King George from Athens represents the first stage in the solution of the Greek constitutional crisis. The revolutionary Government's promptitude in ordering him to leave, tends to confirm the reports current prior to the elections of a compromise reached between the Venizelists and Republicans to the effect that the monarch be asked to leave the country pending a plebiscite to determine the form of the future regime. That the Gluecksburg dynasty, founded by the retiring King's grandfather, has reached the end of its span is scarcely to be doubted. The Greeks may, though it is vastly improbable, decide to retain the monarchical system, but it is almost unthinkable that under the circumstances they would recall George II or elect another member of his family.

A National Stigma

The resolution submitted to the Government on behalf of the officers of the army and navy by Colonel Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee, while constituting an exaggerated indictment of the crown, rather than a moderate argument in favor of a change, nevertheless directly contemplates the Gluecksburg dynasty as a national stigma which must be blotted out. Recent developments coupled with this manifesto and the subsequent action of the Government leave no doubt about the finality of this decision.

The Gluecksburg dynasty represents one of the unfortunate episodes in Greek history. It was on June 8, 1883, that Prince George of Denmark was recognized as King of the Hellenes. But it was not until 1912, when the capture of Janina by Crown Prince Constantine signaled the final triumph over Turkey in the Balkan War, that the Nation really took the monarch to its heart. I was his first visitor on that memorable morning. This was his greeting: "At last the dynasty and people are united." What over his motives—and in some respects they were entirely laudable—Constantine flung away this inestimable gain.

In addition to his opposition to Greece's participation in the Great War, he permitted himself to become entangled in party politics. A genius might perhaps have remedied the situation, but there was none such among his successors. Alexander had no chance. In respect to George II it may be said that he never wished to become ruler and disliked his job, doubtless thanks to fate for the turn events have taken. For this charming easy-going gentleman had no predisposition for the kingship.

Position of Mr. Venizelos

Even in the heydays of 1912 and 1914, when the Hellenes were rejoicing at their conquests and Gluecksburg was a happy, respected and esteemed dynasty, he would confess to some of his intimates his disinclination to kingly honors. Despite his military schooling in Potsdam his tastes and inclinations were then thoroughly British. His ideal existence was the

life of an English country gentleman. That, perhaps, is one of the alternatives now open to him. It is difficult to speculate precisely on the future regime of Greece. That the plebiscite will favor a republic is now scarcely open to doubt, although there are many who fully recognize the inconsequences of that regime, where personalities rather than policies govern party politics. By a republic, most Hellenes understand Eleutherios Venizelos as President. It is by no means certain that Mr. Venizelos would accept the position. In prestige he has much to lose, little or nothing to gain, and the inducement must be great to exchange a life of comfort and tranquility in Paris for the cockpit of Greek political strife. Only sheer patriotism will take him thither. Generally speaking, the situation is full of uncertainty and untoward possibilities.

LIBERAL LEADER ENVISAGES DEFEAT OF THE LABOR PARTY

H. H. Asquith Outlines His Policy at Meeting of His Followers—Cabinet Council Discusses Program

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 18.—One of the last external impediments of Great Britain's finding itself under a Labor Government within a few weeks' time is removed by H. H. Asquith's anxious awaited statement to the Liberal members of Parliament here yesterday. Speaking with all the authority of his now undisputed leadership of the party, which holds the balance of power in the British Parliament, Mr. Asquith made three pronouncements. They amount to this: Firstly, the Liberals will help Labor to defeat the Conservative Government without delay and presumably, therefore, during the debate on the address to the Throne, which begins in the week following the assembly of Parliament on Jan. 8.

Secondly, when in consequence of the Conservative defeat upon the motion moved by Labor, the latter obtains the opportunity to take office, the Liberals, while maintaining their own absolute independence of all other parties, will "do nothing wantonly to hamper or obstruct." If Labor, Mr. Asquith said, "is ever to be tried in this country, as it will be sooner or later, it could hardly be tried under safer conditions," these conditions being those now prevailing, under which the Liberals could at any moment enable the Conservatives to turn Labor out.

Thirdly, Mr. Asquith denounced the suggestion that the Labor government, existing as it would do on sufferance, could demand a dissolution and thus go to the country at whatever moment it might itself select. This, he said, would be "as subversive of constitutional usage as it would be pernicious to the general and paramount interests of the country." His follow-

TEXAS GOVERNOR CALLS ON NATION TO FIGHT DRY'S FOE

Says He Is Ready to Combat "the Sanity League" or Any Other Modification Unit

Urges Coast Patrol by Navy and Destruction of All Liquor Brought by Visiting Craft

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 18. (Special)—Pat M. Neff, Governor of this State, who would use the United States Navy to put the rumrunner out of business, and who suggests a "Boston Liquor Party" to spill overboard from ships of any nation all liquor found aboard, is ready for the "Sanity League" or any other league that wants to come into Texas to spread prohibition modification propaganda.

The Sanity League is an organization claiming millions of signatures to a petition advocating a Volstead Act amendment which the drys say would bring back beer and wine. In addition to patrolling America's shores with America's fleet and barring foreign vessels from bringing liquor into America's waters—be it for crew or not—Governor Neff suggests:

"Nation-wide meetings for the purpose of circulating against law violators of all kinds, more especially those who flout the dry statutes. 'Passage of water laws,' which would strip of effect, even any harbor, any vessel which failed to uphold the law."

Old-time revivals to re-educate the citizens and show them just what the Constitution stands for.

Elimination of "wild goose" tactics in enforcing the prohibition laws.

Sanity League Challenged

Governor Neff made it clear at a meeting of Dallas pastors what his prohibition might expect in Texas. He urged the clergyman to aid in the movement for mass meetings. It was Mr. Neff's first public appearance since the Texas Democratic Executive Committee endorsed him as a presidential candidate. Following his speech, the Dallas Pastors' Association passed resolutions supporting the Governor's views and voted to organize to combat any wet move.

Indorsement by the Democratic State Committee of Mr. Neff is regarded by political observers as indicating that the Texas delegation to the Democratic National Convention will cast its first ballot for Governor Neff. Coupled with this is the indorsement of William J. Bryan, and the recent visit to the Governor of Josephus Daniels.

There seems to be a feeling expressed in Texas newspapers that the liquor question is not an issue, but that the Volstead Act should be more rigidly enforced. The law has been well enforced in most sections of Texas, and the public is satisfied with the situation. It is claimed by the observers.

How the Women Stand

Mrs. Helen Moore of Texas City, president of the Texas League of Women Voters, says women of Texas will never support a candidate with a wet plank. Mrs. A. N. McCallum of Austin, for years leader of Texas women, and publicity director for all leading national organizations of the State, declares a wet plank would be

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Chester Concession Is Reported Annulled

TELEGRAM FROM ANKARA, states that the Commissioner of Works yesterday notified the agent of Colonel Clayton-Kennedy of the annulment of the Chester concession for Anatolian development, says a Reuters dispatch from Constantinople this afternoon.

EDUCATORS LAUNCH CONCERTED DRIVE TO PROMOTE PEACE

Teachers and Citizens to Be United in Interests of World Friendship

By a Staff Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Recognizing that the seeds of war lie in the thoughts of the individual, Los Angeles educators today launched an organization dedicated to advance a higher plane of teaching which will instill feelings of fraternal friendship toward each other in the thoughts of the coming generation of every nation, and thus insure world peace. The Teacher-Citizen-Friendship League is the name of this new body, organized to band every effort toward putting into action locally the international program of the World Federation of Education Associations, formed in San Francisco last June under the auspices of the National Education Association. It will take in its membership all civic and social organizations of Los Angeles which are willing to co-operate toward the eradication of war through education, thus fulfilling its name by bringing together teacher and citizen in the interests of world friendship.

The Los Angeles City Teachers' Club and its president, Miss Jeanette Jacobson, stand as sponsors for the league. Announcement of its formation was made at a luncheon given by the club to teachers' organizations of Los Angeles. The league's first meeting was held at the Biltmore Hotel. Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, president of the World Federation of Education Associations, who delivered the principal address at the luncheon, said afterward to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor:

"This league is the first of its kind to be organized anywhere, and is just what is needed to make practical the plans of the World Federation. It is, of course, created solely to care for the Los Angeles field, but I think

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HENRY FORD HALTS BOOM BY POSITIVE DECLARATION FOR COOLIDGE CANDIDACY

"I Would Never for a Moment Think of Running Against Calvin Coolidge for President, on Any Ticket Whatever," His Reply to All Rumors

"Country Is Safe With Coolidge. Why Change," He Comments—Says Presidential Election Should Not Retard Business—Ford Clubs Not Sanctioned

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (AP)—Henry Ford today declared he, "like a great majority of the American people," feels that the country is "safe with Coolidge," and that he himself would never consider running against Mr. Coolidge on any ticket.

"I believe it is the wise and natural thing for the people to agree on the nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge," Mr. Ford said. "I am satisfied that 90 per cent of the people feel perfectly safe with Coolidge, and I feel, too, that the country is perfectly safe with him. And if this is the feeling of the country, why change?"

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS WILL BE TABULATED

Louis Domeratzky Outlines Recording of Parcel Post Sent Out of United States

Exports of American merchandise from the United States by means of the parcel post have never been tabulated by the Government in compiling statistics of the volume of overseas business done by American business houses. Plans have now been completed to compile such statistics, showing in addition to the regular freight and express exports, the parcel post shipments, which comprise a substantial portion of the overseas business of shoe manufacturers, jewelry, and producers of small-sized articles, according to Louis Domeratzky, assistant director of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, in Boston yesterday.

Mr. Domeratzky, who is making his first visit to Boston, explained to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, that he came to Boston primarily to deliver a lecture before Harvard College Graduate School of Business Administration on the various features of foreign tariff systems. He spoke to the foreign trade class yesterday, outlining the essentials of tariffs in various countries rather than the policies thereof.

"The purpose of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce is to render commerce statistics as promptly and as accurately as possible, and great improvement has been made in the past few months," said Mr. Domeratzky. "Further improvement is planned to become effective Jan. 1.

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DRAIN ON NATION'S FORESTS 300% GREATER THAN GROWTH

Paper Industry in Alaska Favored—Substitutes, Economies, Fire Protection, and Planting Urged

Special from Monitor Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—More timber was cut from the national forests during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, than ever before in a similar period of time, with a total cut of 391,982,000 board feet, and receipts from sales totalling \$2,641,244. It is stated in the annual report of the United States Forest Service. The report calls attention to the steadily increasing drain on the country's forests, amounting annually to 35,000,000 cubic feet, with growth replacing only 6,000,000,000 cubic feet.

The eastern and most populous part of the country, it is pointed out by William B. Greeley, Chief United States Forester, is beginning to suffer from the pinch of timber scarcity and high lumber prices. He said:

"Our future needs must be met from our own forests, and production and economies in utilization will only partially offset the normal increase in demand as the population increases. It is, therefore, to produce timber, mainly as much wood as we now require. The present annual growth could be increased to about 14,000,000,000 feet of a little over half our present requirements. If all our forests were given adequate protection against fire and if elementary practices of forestry were introduced.

One of the most serious situations which has arisen during the past year is that caused by the increasing dependence of the paper industry upon the pulpwood supply of Canada, with a threatened embargo on the Canadian exports.

Christmas Tree Planting, Not Cutting, Advocated

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18

PLANTING a community Christmas tree by every community in America is the plan, rather than the purchase of a tree which is destroyed after a few days, has been advocated by John W. Keller, chief of the bureau of silviculture, state Department of Forests and Waters. He pointed out that a living tree will show in beauty each year, and that "it will add a needed touch of green during the cold days of winter, serve as an ornamental and shade tree during the spring and summer months, and is available for adornment with beautifully colored lights and other decorative features during the Yuletide season."

Tribute to President

Continuing, he said: Mr. Coolidge has shown in these months of service a great many qualities that should please his countrymen. I think they all feel that Mr. Coolidge means to do right. And when a man means to do right, so far as I have observed, it is usually quite easy for him to find the way to do right.

Some people seem disturbed over the conditions which business will face during the presidential election year. Of course there must be an election. But there is no reason why business should be disturbed by it, if the people by common consent agree they will hold to a good man while they have him. Public sentiment can be so formed long before the election that there need be no doubt about the election.

In addition to considering the interests of the people, we should consider the interests of the President, as head of the American Government. President Coolidge has a position of the highest responsibility. He should not feel compelled to take any time or strength for any sort of political campaigning, and for the sake of the country as well as for his own sake, he should not have to do so.

"I'm for Coolidge"

Asked concerning the use of his own name in connection with the Presidency, Mr. Ford said:

"No man has a right to say he never will consider public office, nor accept public office. No man can predict his own acts and feelings so strongly as that. But this I will say, that I would never for a moment think of running against Calvin Coolidge for President, on any ticket whatever. In this present situation I am for Coolidge."

Regarding the numerous Ford-Ford conference held here, persons close to the automobile manufacturer said he had given them "not half a moment's thought."

"It was something Mr. Ford could not call in the police to see," one official asserted, "so the clubs continue to function, although none of them has the sanction or support of Mr. Ford."

COAST GUARD CHIEF NAMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Frederick C. Billard of Maryland, serving with the rank of commander in the United States Navy, was named today by President Coolidge to be commander of the coast guard with the rank of rear admiral. He will succeed Rear Admiral William E. Reynolds, who retires on account of age next month.

World News in Brief

Washington—Twelve more awards totaling \$1,000,000 are announced in favor of American claimants by the German-American Mixed Claims Commission.

Taguigale, Honduras—Martial law has been declared throughout the republic with a view to forestalling a possible revolution.

New York—A world association of churches working for "peace on earth; good will to men" may be the ultimate goal of the world-wide movement to insure preservation of the sacred places of the Holy Land. George Gordon Battle, general chairman of the American committee, declared at a dinner of the committee.

Omaha, Neb.—Upbuilding of the American Merchant Marine without the aid of a ship subsidy, but with the help of preferential legislation in favor of American vessels, was urged in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the Farmers-Manufacturers' Trade Conference here.

Berlin (AP)—Foreign students are depressed German universities because of the high cost of living in this country. Outsiders must pay more than twice as much for tuition fees as Germans, but the unusual advance in living costs has been the chief factor in reducing the number of non-Germans in all the universities of the republic. Every thirty male German between the ages of 19 and 22 is a student in some university, and the number of students in attendance at practically all universities is increasing in spite of the economic distress.

Washington—Conventions renewing the arbitration treaties with Great Britain, France, Japan, Norway and Portugal have been ratified by the Senate.

Madrid—King Alfonso signed a decree awarding the Order of the Great Cross of Carlos III to Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State; Benito Mussolini, the Italian Prime Minister; Marchese Thaon di Revel, Italian Minister of Marine, and the Duke of Aosta.

Berlin (AP)—Listening-in is expensive in Germany. The Government does not permit anyone to have a machine for receiving wireless who does not pay a fee of 25 gold marks and obtain a permit from the police. The receiving machines now on sale in German shops average in price from 300 to 400 gold marks.

Washington—A number of other packing companies, including the Armour, Morris and Wilson companies of the "big five" packers, have joined Swift & Co. in bringing claims against the Government aggregating \$7,000,000 for its alleged failure to buy meat which they claim was produced under purchase contracts with the War Department.

Chicago—The Congress Hotel, first opened during the World's Fair in 1893, scene of a host of national political conventions, is to be replaced by a \$22,000,000 32-story structure which will make it one of the largest hostels in the world.

Havana—Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Secretary of State, who has been ad interim Secretary of the Treasury for the last two months, has been reappointed.

Warsaw (AP)—The harvest this year is extremely good, according to the official figures of the Statistical office, the output in quintals being: Wheat, 12,136,000; rye, 9,955,000; barley, 15,568,000; oats, 25,946,000. With the exception of wheat, the output of all cereals is higher than before the war.

Cherbourg, France (AP)—A numerous body of Russian refugees, headed for the United States, has come as far as this French seaport only to find the emigration quota full.

Paris—Count Bethlen, the Hungarian Premier, who was a guest of the Anglo-American Press Association at a luncheon today, said he hoped the arrangements for the financial restoration of Hungary would be completed in January. The political phases of the question were entirely settled, he remarked.

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feet the Democrats' chances, as millions of women voters would repudiate the Democratic Party.

The Texas division of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has found its own name too great a handicap in doing business in this State, and has yielded the wet field to a more tactfully labeled organization, "The Sanity League," incorporated in California, which seeks practically the same objects as the association, but uses a less direct propaganda.

The advent of Fred L. Walker, organizer of the Sanity League, the opening of league headquarters in Dallas, and the circulation of wet petitions in the city already said to have 18,000 signatures, has precipitated a direct reply from the Dallas Pastors' Association and paved the way for an out-and-out struggle between prohibitionists and the new form of liquor propaganda.

Instead of bluntly demanding the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment as does the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the Sanity League masks its desire for the same result under a noncommittal name, and a pretense of offering a liquor compromise of "state control," which in fact, Dallas pastors assert, would practically amount to the return of the corner saloon.

The league also seeks to confuse the issue by attacks on so-called "blue laws," it is pointed out. In so far as the new campaign is likely to deceive

voters, it is more dangerous friends of the dry law declare than the former outright association attacks, which failed.

The Sanity League organizer opened beer and wine headquarters in Dallas some months after Milton Everett, former state chairman of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, gave up his post here in admission that the latter body's program had failed. So far as Mr. Everett knows, he told a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, his association is not now active anywhere in Texas.

State Crusade Planned
A corps of speakers from Sanity headquarters, Mr. Walker declares, will travel to all parts of the State. These field workers will also call on business and professional men at their places of business and lay before them what they argue will be the advantages to be derived by the country in the alleged reduction of taxes, elimination of bootlegging, moonshining and ebbing of morals by giving the people wines and beer.

Mr. Walker announces that his league favors Government control both of the output and consumption of beer and wine, but states that so no definite plan has been determined upon to carry out this scheme. Pastors of Dallas retort that no plan has been offered because, in the words of one of them, "it would be an insult to our intelligence to hold out to Texans that light beer and wine can be legalized while the Eighteenth Amendment remains unrepaled."

Before any league plan is put into action, Mr. Walker adds, they must first be approved by the advisory board, which is located in San Francisco. The Rev. Baker P. Lee of California is said to be president of the national organization, and Julius Kahn (R.), Representative from California, the author of the petition now being circulated. The league is declared to be nonpolitical, aligned with no religion or sect, and "against the return of the open saloon."

DEFENSE RAISES ALLER CASE ISSUE

Mr. Dane Seeks Light on Precedence of Civil Court in Ecclesiastical Proceedings

The right of a court of law to try a case, the issues of which he claimed to be of an ecclesiastical rather than civil nature, was challenged today by Walter A. Dane in his opening arguments for the defense in the injunction proceedings brought by Mrs. Catherine Aller of Phoenix, Ariz., who is seeking to restrain The Christian Science Board of Directors of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Board of Trustees of the Publishing Society, from removing her card as a practitioner from The Christian Science Journal.

The case is being heard before Judge George W. Anderson in the United States District Court, sitting at Boston.

The court had just previously declared, in stating some tentative conclusions, that its mind was still open on this point.

The path of the question which Mr. Dane raised was whether this court had any right through its injunctive process to compel the Board of Directors to assume an injunctive responsibility for practitioners, which, in Mr. Dane's view, they would be doing if they were enjoined from removing fully the removal of practitioners' cards from the Journal.

Contractual Right
In opening his argument Mr. Dane said his conception of the issue was whether this court, in the light of the court findings in the case of Eustace vs. Dickey, would assume to decide whether a card in the Journal can be removed by the Directors or

not. He said that if any contractual right to have a card there had been established in the case of the plaintiff, that the church by-law should go in as a part of such a contract and be just as binding, the by-laws giving the Directors discretionary power to remove a card in the interests of the church.

Judge Anderson at this point stated some tentative conclusions of the court which were in effect that the question of authority of the directors so far as this case was concerned was a determined controversy but, even assuming them to have the power to suppress the Journal, the power to remove a card of a Christian Science practitioner in good standing; that the Directors had the authority to determine the "good standing," but having done so, had no power to remove a card from the Journal. Counsel for the plaintiff further contended that the Directors "had no legal right to impose discipline for the refusal to forfeit a legal right." He held that Mrs. Aller had a legal right to advertise in the Journal.

The question was here raised as to whether the defense had claimed the right to remove the card as a disciplinary measure. Mr. Dane said it had not so claimed.

"If not a disciplinary, it was purely arbitrary," said Mr. McClenen.

The question of admissibility of evidence for or against the truth of statements concerning the Graham matter made by Mrs. Aller were argued at some length.

Letter of Dr. Graham Read
Mr. McClenen read a letter written by Mr. Graham in reply to Mrs. Aller's demand in which he said that "a small committee of the church, over the decision" (Supreme Court in the Eustace-Dickey case), and that "Mrs. Aller's letter was altogether vicious and malicious, so much so that mortal mind might prosecute her on slander."

Judge Anderson said that if it was merely a matter of church discipline the case had no business in this court. If civil rights were involved, it had. Just what the court's duty was, was not apparent at the moment. In any event the court saw no reason why the merits of the Aller-Graham controversy should be spread over this point until today's session.

HAVERHILL SHOE AGREEMENT SIGNED
HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 19 (Special)—Joseph C. Kimball, president of the Haverhill Shoe Manufacturers' Association, and Austin E. Gill, general agent of the Shoe Workers' Protective Union, signed the new agreement for the control of the shoe industry in this city at 12:15 this afternoon.

This is the last official act that makes the new pact effective, the signers of the agreement representing their respective organizations. The agreement was gone over carefully to be sure that it conformed to the document which was accepted by the manufacturers and union recently.

CITIZENS RATE BOOST BARRED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Express company proposals to increase by 15 per cent charges now paid by Florida growers of citrus fruit and vegetables for refrigerating their produce en route to northern consuming territory were held unreasonable today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Conduct of Publication
In the afternoon session yesterday James E. Patton, one of the defendant Board of Trustees, was called as a witness for the defense. He was questioned by Mr. Dane as to the conduct of the publications of The Christian Science Publishing Society. Mr. McClenen did not cross-examine him.

Mr. Patton and Adam H. Dickey of the Board of Directors were the only witnesses put on by the defense. Mr. Dickey explained the church government, more particularly with reference to branch church administration. He also described the Christian Science publications of which the Journal is one.

"What is this Journal?" asked the court, "daily or what?"
"It is a monthly publication," the witness replied.
"I am rather familiar with The Christian Science Monitor," Judge Anderson went on, "which has, I may say, extra-judicially, the best foreign news we can get in the United States, but I don't know that it is important that I should."

A copy was handed the court. Mr. McClenen then prepared to read the deposition of I. D. R. Miller of Phoenix, Ariz., a citrus grower, director of the church there, and who has been first reader, Sunday school teacher and usher. He had attended the lecture by the Rev. Mr. Graham.

Mr. Dane objected to the introduction of Mr. Graham's lecture through the deposition of another party, saying that if the lecture was to be admitted

NEW PINNACLE FOR CINEMA ART

"Puritan Passions" Described as "Photo-Music Drama"

Cinema art reached what is considered to be a new pinnacle at Jordan Hall, Boston, last evening, where "Puritan Passions," a W. W. Hodgkinson film, produced by the Theater Guild, Inc., of New York, and based upon Percy Mackaye's play, "The Scarecrow," was unveiled to the accompaniment of an entirely original symphonic score. The music, which was composed by F. S. Converse especially for this photoplay, was eager, youthful, and vibrant with beauty, developed as in a symphonic poem, the incidents and dramatic sequences of the play were brought out and intensified.

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DRAIN ON NATION'S FORESTS 300% GREATER THAN GROWTH

(Continued from Page 1)

facture of pulp and paper. A survey is also being made, according to the report, on pulpwood resources of the United States with a view to creating a perpetual source of raw material on American soil.

The report emphasizes the urgent necessity of the adoption of a national forestry program, such as is being drawn up by the Senate Committee on Forestry. Commenting on the work of the committee, Mr. Greeley said:

The investigations conducted during the year by the select committee of the United States Senate is one of the most helpful and stimulating steps the Federal Government has taken in attacking the reforestation problem as a whole, and it is disclosing beyond doubt or question that the time is at hand for enormous progress in timber growing if public agencies will give the land owner a fair chance. This should be our next step in our national forestry policy.

A forestry bill has already been introduced in the Senate by Charles L. McNary (R.), Senator from Oregon, and chairman of the committee, based on the findings of the committee during its ninth-month investigation in the chief timber-growing sections of the country. The McNary bill, intended to provide the basis for a national forestry policy, is drawn with a view of providing continuous production on timber land, and provides for co-operation of the states with the Federal Government, under direction

of the Secretary of Agriculture in forestry protection and reforestation.

California Expert-Forecast

Closure of National Forests
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 (Staff Correspondence)—With California leading the United States in national forest fires for 1923 as shown by reports just issued, Paul G. Redington, district forester, warns that the Government is seriously contemplating closure of many popular recreation forests where there is a big fire hazard. In the Angeles, Santa Barbara and Cleveland national forests of southern California there were 191 fires which destroyed the tree growth of 127,430 acres; in northern California the Plumas national forest with 224 fires holds first place, according to the report, followed by the Shasta forest with 184 fires, Lassen forest with 137 and the Klamath forest with 103 fires. Mr. Redington said:

There is little for Californians to be proud of in this record. While there has been a slight decrease in the total number of man-caused fires in the national forests there has also been a startling increase in the conflagrations directly chargeable to users of tobacco, the forest's greatest enemy. It was supposed that replacement of camp fire permits would give a sufficient security against fire, but this does not seem to impress the careless camper. If closure of picnic and camping property were made, the public will have itself to blame.

NOMINATIONS IN MICHIGAN
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 18 (AP)—Nominating petitions entering Calvin Coolidge and Henry Ford as candidates in the presidential primary next April were accepted by the Department of State today.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS
U. S. Weather Bureau Report

Boston and vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday unsettled, followed by rain in the afternoon or night; moderate to fresh southwest and west winds. Southern New England: Mostly cloudy and warmer tonight and Thursday; probably rain by Thursday night; moderate to fresh southerly winds. Northern New England: Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday cloudy and warmer; moderate to fresh southerly winds.

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SPAIN HAS PORT TAX
MADRID, Dec. 19.—Port taxes will be exacted from vessels touching at Spanish ports, according to a royal decree signed today. The income will be used in meeting the losses to Spanish shipping during the World War. The tax is to be imposed upon both passenger and freight vessels.

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TANGIER STATUTE AT LENGTH SIGNED

Incident Regarded as Triumph
for Entente—Cause of Possible Friction Removed

By SISLEY HUBLESTON
By Special Cable

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A great triumph for the Entente was secured in the signing of the final accord relative to the statute of Tangier. It is some time ago that The Christian Science Monitor representative recorded the completion of the document and the virtual agreement of the French, British and Spanish governments. Since then unexpected maneuvers have kept the chief convention unsigned, although the convention concerning port construction was separately signed. Finally, the last formality has been fulfilled. All the plenipotentiaries have exchanged signatures, although the Spanish make certain reservations. It is agreed that the protocol of accord shall remain open for a few days to permit the Spanish Government to study the text and register their reserves. The document was communicated some days ago to the signatories of the Algeiras Convention of 1906, Italy, Holland and Sweden. Although there is still the possibility of complications, it is hoped that the problem is really settled now and that the long-standing cause of possible friction, between the British and French governments is removed.

The French readily agreed to the economic equality for all the powers and the military and police control of the Tangier zone. In return France is given considerable control, since the Sultan, who acts according to French wishes, is nominally supreme. The first administration of the town is French with British and Spanish assistance and international bodies are instituted. The arrangements are as stated in the Monitor's earlier news. In November, except that the Spanish have surrendered a small strip of territory which they had asked. Presumably they have changed mind, because the territory cannot be represented as a triumph for the Spanish case, since it is so small, and it might furnish a precedent for interference with the Spanish Moroccan frontier.

The French frankly rejoice. They have reason to, for they have obtained everything possible, and in reality the new regime is similar to that which was envisaged by the stipulations of 1904, but the Sultan has since become unreservedly the ally of France. It is hoped that besides better Franco-British relations, Spain will consider that France has done everything it could, and that Italy will be satisfied. It was the Italian protest which suspended the signatures to the convention, for Italy claims the right to participate in the conference. Italy now chooses the treatment that its nationals will receive at Tangier, either the treatment fixed by the new statute, or that which results of the old stipulations. As the new regime will doubtless be accepted by all the other powers, Italy will certainly finish by agreeing. The convention remains in force for 12 years, or until the signatory powers desire to modify it after that date.

KING HUSSEIN CALLS PAN-ARAB CONGRESS

By Special Cable

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—El Hussein ibn Ali, King of the Hejaz, is reported to have left Mecca on Sunday morning to have called for Jeddah yesterday morning for northern Hejaz ports, disembarking at Akaba, from where he will go to Otrierland, the Transjordanian capital, where he will stay as the guest of his son, Abdullah, the ruler of Transjordan. In the new palace Abdullah constructed this year. There is no definite information here regarding King Hussein's object in making this tour, and local official circles discredit the report that Emir Feisal, the ruler of Iraq, is going to Amman to meet his father, but in official quarters in touch with the Arabs it is stated that Emir Feisal is making the journey and that at the meeting in Amman, Hussein and sons intended to discuss matters which will be laid before the Pan-Arab Congress, which King Hussein is convoking at Jeddah on Jan. 26.

GOLD STRIKE CONFIRMED

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 19.—Confirmation of a report last week that the Portland gold mine in Cripple Creek has made an important strike was given yesterday by officials of the company here. An excellent grade of shipping ore has been struck at the 2700-foot level, they said, but it will require at least six months' work before the full extent of the find is known.

PRICE FIXING CHARGED

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 19.—Dissolution of the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association was ordered by Judge C. W. Sessions in United States District Court here today. The order was entered upon a motion of the Government which charged the association maintained an unlawful price fixing arrangement.

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PRESIDENT STOPS FEDERAL AID FOR ARKANSAS ROAD-BUILDING

Government Inquiry Begins as Farmers' Union Charges
State Tax System Is Burdening Agrarians

Special from Monitor Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—All federal aid for road building in Arkansas has been stopped by order of President Coolidge, pending an investigation into charges that the present system of taxation in that state is resulting in confiscation of thousands of farms. Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, the federal official immediately in charge of granting federal aid, is investigating the allegations of waste and graft.

That the road building campaign in Arkansas is steadily driving the farmers into bankruptcy, instead of acting as a boon to their industry, was the complaint made to the President by C. H. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union. Many farms have fallen into the hands of federal receivers, because the owners were unable to pay the "mountain high" road taxes, he said.

Acts For Farmers' Union

Mr. Barrett acted in response to a resolution passed by the recent national convention of the National Farmers' Union, held at Omaha. The memorandum which he presented to the President said:

First—Investigation will disclose the fact that hundreds, if not thousands, of farms, in most instances the lands of poor people, are now in the hands of federal receivers as a result of the inability of those farmers to meet the highway taxes.

Second—Right or wrong, the opinion is general in the farming communities that the Bureau of Highways of the Department of Agriculture in giving its approval to the so-called Harrison law, recently enacted and which perpetuates the existing Arkansas road tax system for years to come, has by this approval made it possible for the Arkansas road machine to add additional millions in taxes to the staggering burden of these farmers, thousands of whom are facing the confiscation of their properties.

Third—The chairman of the new State Highway Commission authorized

by the Harrison law is Herbert R. Wilson, the State Highway Commissioner, against whom serious charges involving the sale of Federal-aid money on 10 per cent basis are now on file in the Bureau of Highways. Robert Lee Wilson of Wilson, Ark., ex-Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, and L. Y. Young, the District Attorney at Helena, Ark., I am informed, are familiar with the facts in certain of these alleged Federal-aid sales propositions.

Fourth—The Little Rock Gazette, the principal paper of Arkansas, has stated within the last week that Federal Bureau officials have been in conference with Wilson and are understood to be ready to restore Federal aid to the State in a total sum, I am informed, in excess of \$2,000,000.

Relief Called "Mythical"

"Fifth—The evidence is conclusive that the only thing that has operated to relieve, in a very small way, the overburdened farmer taxpayers was the withdrawal in January of this year of Federal aid, its restoration, it was stated by the Secretary of Agriculture, depends on a reform of the law and a lessening of the tax on the landowners.

Sixth—Under the new law the people were promised state relief in the amount of \$2,000,000 annually. Already the relief, which according to well-informed citizens, is largely "mythical" and intended solely to perpetuate the existing law in power, has been reduced to \$2,000,000. Even the road administration makes no claim that the relief will be substantial, as the fact is that in no instance will the relief be more than 50 per cent of the interest charge in 55 per cent of the counties.

Seventh—Federal aid in Arkansas has been used as a bait in adding this outrageous burden on the farmers of the State. The restoration now means the indorsement by this Government of the situation with few parallels in the history of this country, a situation as cruel as it is inde-

Important Post Offered to Brand Whitlock

Paris, Dec. 19

THE presidency of the special League of Nations commission which is to investigate the controversy over the Port of Marseilles being offered to Brand Whitlock, former American Ambassador to Belgium.

Mr. Whitlock, who is now in southern France, was the first of three Americans suggested for the office by the Council of the League in its recent consultation with the Premier, M. E. Galschinsky, of Lithuania. The other two members of the commission also will be chosen from states not politically interested in Marseilles.

one guarantee that France can obtain against a future war—it is that France must pursue a policy of moderation, a policy which helps to solve the differences and which does not demand of Germany more than it can accomplish.

"Then only can the atmosphere of enmity created by M. Poincaré's policy be relieved of its tension and poison."

A council of the premiers of all the federal states decided yesterday to propose to President Ebert the appointment of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht as a suitable successor to Rudolf Havenstein, the late president of the Reichsbank. Dr. Schacht was the federal commissioner for the control of German currency, and formerly head of the Darmstadt Bank, one of the leading banks here, is generally regarded as the financial wizard of Germany. It is believed here that President Ebert will accept the recommendation of the Reichsbank. Dr. Schacht, while the Reichsbank itself favored Carl Helfferich, Minister of Finance during the war. The appointment of Dr. Schacht, according to well-informed observers, would mean the victory of the new trend in Germany toward thrift and stabilization over the old policy of inflation.

UNIFORM STATEMENT FOR CREDIT SEEKERS

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In order to stop the falsifying of financial statements by persons or firms seeking to obtain enlarged credit, Joab H. Banton, District Attorney, has originated a blank for a uniform financial statement. It is understood that after Jan. 1 business men seeking credit will be required to use this model form.

The purpose is to bring any offender within the provision of Section 443 of the Penal Law, and is directed at the man who makes errors in his financial statement. The form of statement is lengthy and very exhaustive in its declarations as to the assets and liabilities of the firm seeking credit.

DR. JOWETT PASSES AWAY

LONDON, Dec. 19 (P).—The Rev. John Henry Jowett, D. D., noted British clergyman, formerly pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, passed away at his home at Croydon, Surrey, this morning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Rev. Dr. John Henry Jowett was for seven years pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, one of the largest of the denomination in the world. A native of Birmingham, England, where he was pastor of Carr's Lane Congregational Church, he accepted the call to the New York pulpit after negotiations which lasted over a period of several years, and during which his admirers in Birmingham made strenuous efforts to keep him there. He declined the New York call on two occasions before accepting in January, 1911. He preached his first sermon here in April, 1911. He resigned the post to take the pulpit of Westminster chapel in London in 1917.

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Advice Sought as to Composition
of Expert Committees—Scope
of Inquiry Considered

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The report cable to The Christian Science Monitor yesterday that Sir John Bradbury, British representative on the Reparations Commission, had gone to Lossiemouth to see Ramsey MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, was verified here this morning. Sir John Bradbury passed about five hours in consultation with Mr. MacDonald, and in the course of an interview afterward Sir John declared that he was "merely consulting the leaders of public opinion regarding the composition of the committees of inquiry into Germany's financial position." He intimated that he had seen Stanley Baldwin and H. H. Asquith, as well as Mr. MacDonald, and obtained their views on the suitability of those whose names he had put forward, or received other names which the political leaders thought it might be advisable to include.

Sir John went on to ask that "any speculation which may be rife that my visit to Lossiemouth was in any way undertaken in view of the suggestion of Mr. MacDonald being the prospective Prime Minister" might be disregarded, and ended up by recalling that the final appointment of the committees of investigation was in the hands of the Reparations Commission. Sir John's guarded language may conceal much or little. The discussion of individual suitability to sit on the proposed committees would naturally involve the consideration of the scope of the inquiry they would have to make as well as the degree in which Mr. MacDonald was prepared to support their findings, and how far he was ready to accord Sir John Bradbury freedom of action in regard to such findings, in the event of the Labor Party having to form a government in the near future.

Sir John is generally credited with strong views on the last point, for the Reparations Commission, in theory at any rate, is an independent body with full powers to act on its own responsibility. Sir John Bradbury's consultation with the political leaders means that he is not likely to be able to get back to Paris in time for today's meeting of the Reparations Commission, and if that is so, the world will have to wait still longer before hearing the composition of the proposed committees.

NEW POLISH CABINET

WARSAW, Dec. 19.—Ladislav Grabski has succeeded in forming a cabinet, the composition of which will be made public soon. In addition to the premiership, Mr. Grabski will hold the finance portfolio, in accordance with the plan to have the new ministry undertake stringent financial reforms. Maurice Zamoyski, Polish Minister of Traffic is to be the Foreign Minister.

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Boston Secretary of American Peace Award Points to
Benefit of Nation-Wide Vote on Bok Prize Plan

By Special Cable

"Make the people of the country talk peace and think peace and a long step will have been taken toward the ideal of 'peace on earth, good will toward men,'" said John D. Pearmain, Boston secretary of the American Peace Award, with headquarters at 5 Park Square, in discussing today the award policy committee's decision to let the people of the United States register, through the medium of newspaper or magazine "voting" coupons, their approval or disapproval of the plan which has been adjudged best in the Edward Bok Peace Prize competition.

"Just so long as we keep the idea of international friendship squarely in people's thoughts we are on the right track," Mr. Pearmain continued. "The Bok prize contest spurred the American people to unprecedented efforts along this line, and the opportunity to pass judgment on the best peace plan, or combination of plans, submitted in that contest will stimulate the public's interest still further."

The policy committee's announced desire is "to get many millions of American citizens to read the prize plan, consider it, and then cast a ballot for or against it." A "yes" ballot is to mean approval of the plan in substance. The ballots are to be sorted and registered by employees of the policy committee, duplicates excluded and the names arranged by states and territories.

The committee purposes to accomplish all this within the month of January. To this end, it has obtained the aid of a large part of the press, of hundreds of civic, industrial, commercial, fraternal, professional and religious bodies, of city committees, and of public libraries, universities, and alumni associations. Interested individuals also are expected to co-operate. The policy committee will pay all expenses.

Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, has written to the American Peace Award, expressing his indorsement of the general scope of the movement, both as related to the recent contest itself and to the method adopted to seek out public opinion of the desirability and feasibility of the peace plan selected.

"Such a stimulation of thought about peace and good will among men is surely a high endeavor," Dr. Eliot declares.

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Ray C. Talmer received the Studebaker.
M. M. Goodwin was awarded the Buick.

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ARMISTICE RUMOR HEARD IN MEXICO

Correspondent Declares Huertistas Are Dealing for Cessation of Hostilities

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19 (P).—A Vera Cruz newspaper correspondent, telegraphing from Rinconada, 15 miles east of San Marcos, reports that an armistice is being arranged between the rebel and federal forces and that Adolfo de la Huerta has communicated with General Mariné, the Obregonist, relative to a cessation of hostilities.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19 (P).—Press dispatches from Villa Hermosa, capital of the State of Tabasco, state that rebel forces commanded by Generals Carlos Green, ex-Governor of Tabasco; Fernando Segovia, and Marcelino Lucero, which have been attacking Villa Hermosa for the last two days, have suffered heavy losses in the most severe fighting of the present revolution. The forces of Generals Segovia and Lucero are reported to have suffered 100 casualties inflicted by Gen. Vicente Gonzalez, commanding federal forces within the city.

Rebel Victory Reported

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19 (P).—The city of Merida, capital of Yucatan, with a population of 100,000, was taken over by the rebels yesterday when General Lariga and the garrison declared for Huerta, it was announced today by the Mexican consul-general here. Indications were that the port of Progreso would fall into rebel hands, it was added.

Robert Haberman, representative of the Mexican Federation of Labor, reached here today enroute to Washington, where he will bring to Samuel Gompers a plea for co-operation from the laboring men of Mexico. Haberman said the Labor Party of Mexico was aligned with the Obregon faction. He is a citizen of Hawthorne, Cal., although holding the office of Director of Languages in the Mexican Ministry.

GERMANY DEMANDS RUHR SOVEREIGNTY

Restoration of Its Administration Will Be Urged in Negotiations With French

By Special Cable

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Regarding the attitude that Germany intends to adopt in negotiations with France, it is officially declared here that the Government of Berlin is determined to insist from its position that the occupation of the Ruhr by French and Belgian troops was an illegal act. Germany, it is said, will always make a difference between territory occupied in accordance with the Treaty of Versailles and districts occupied "illegally." Germany's chief endeavor in the pending discussions therefore will be the recovery of its sovereignty in the latter areas. The restoration of the German Administration in the Ruhr Valley is considered to be a first step in this direction.

It is furthermore indicated here that Germany will not support the agreement entered into by German industrialists in the Ruhr district with the French. Any such ratification, it is asserted, would be tantamount to the legalization of the Ruhr invasion. Moreover, it is believed that the industrialists will not be able to carry out their obligations under the Dusseldorf agreements until April of next year, since it is not deemed possible that they can turn over 27 per cent of their production to the French and at the same time continue to work for very long. This apparently has also been emphasized by several foreign bankers to whom they had applied for credits.

General von Deimling, one of the German military leaders in the World War, in referring to the apprehension of France of future attack by Germany, writes in the Vossische Zeitung: "The Rhine barrier, a creation of a neutral zone of demilitarization of the Rhineland, will never prevent a German war of revenge. There is only

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SMITH PLANS NEW SERVICE BUILDING

Structure to Care for General Stores and Also Contain Bakery and a Garage

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 19 (Special)—Smith College is to have a new service building which will take care of the more general stores of food and housekeeping supplies and which also will contain a bakery, a carpenter shop, a garage, and space for coal storage.

The work of the purchasing department is carried on under the direction of Miss Elsie P. Leonard, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, whose work at Smith has the advantage of similar positions held at the University of Minnesota, Wellesley, and at the University of Wisconsin, where she was director of halls and commons and assistant professor of institution economics.

Miss Leonard receives orders from the heads of the 26 houses for all current needs in food supplies and such housekeeping articles as are carried in stock—brooms, brushes, mops, china and glass. The orders for the housekeeping supplies are filled from the stock on hand and the orders for food supplies are placed with outside firms.

The new service building will be joined to the railroad by a spur track which will facilitate getting the supplies to the store house, while a large departmental truck will make the deliveries to the houses. All the making of bread, rolls, cake, pastry and salad dressings will be done in the new bakery where one "diant mixer" will do the work for the whole college, thereby eliminating the expense of installing and maintaining several machines about the campus. By this means more time will be left for the preparation and cooking in the houses of meats, soups, fresh vegetables, sauces and such articles of diet.

Time will also be gained by means of a potato-peeling machine, adequate to do peeling for all the house. It is not intended to make the storehouse a depository for goods not actually needed. Flour, sugar and staples can be carried to advantage, also a carefully worked out line of canned goods, potatoes and other vegetables, while some fruits can be purchased economically and distributed as needed.

All purchasing, bookkeeping and other clerical work will be carried on at present at the office in the administration building of the college, with daily checking of income and out-go from the storeroom and bakery.

FIVE GROUPS JOIN CHORAL FESTIVAL

Traditional Christmas Eve Caroling and Pageant on Common

For the first time in Boston's Christmas Eve celebrations, choral groups from two department stores will participate, together with a similar group from Boston University, one from the Unitarian Layman's League and a fifth group from the Mendelssohn Singers. These groups of men and women will appear at the Parkman Memorial Bandstand on Boston Common the night before Christmas. The management of Filene's and Shepard's stores joined heartily in the plan when it was set before them in behalf of the Public Celebration Association and the city director of public celebrations. This means that the very successful community observance of Christmas Eve which was inaugurated a year ago on the Common will be still further advanced in keeping with the character of the day.

The events will center about the municipal tree of light which the park department has erected as usual. Aside from the participation of the five choral groups, and the singing of carols by the assembled people at intervals during the evening under the direction of a song leader, there will

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The especially significant event will be a "Nativity Pageant" produced by the community service organization. This pageant will be given at 5:15 o'clock and again at 9 o'clock, lasting half an hour at each presentation. The fountain at the Frog Pond will be illuminated and on the white spray will be displayed sacred pictures from time to time during the evening.

PRESIDENT REPLIES TO WOMAN VOTERS

Appreciates Their Approval of His Minimum Wage Plan

Approval of his recommendations for the protection of woman workers by the Federal Government through the operation of a minimum wage law is appreciated by President Coolidge, and in a letter received yesterday by Mrs. Julius Andrews, chairman of the women's industry committee of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters, the Nation's Chief Executive said "such expressions are helpful and encouraging at this time."

Immediately following the delivery of the President's message to the Congress, in which he advocated protection of woman employees of the Government by a minimum wage law enforceable through public opinion, Mrs. Frederick P. Bagley, Miss Ethel M. Johnson, Mrs. Paul Keene, Mrs. Arthur G. Rotch, Mrs. William Z. Ripley and Mrs. Andrews wrote to President Coolidge, expressing their appreciation of his approval of protection for woman workers. The President's reply follows:

I want to thank you and, through you, the friends who signed with you the very kind message of the 19th. It is a pleasure to know that my recommendations regarding the protection of woman workers meet with your approval, and I am deeply obliged to you for taking the trouble to tell me so. Such expressions are helpful and encouraging at this time.

BAR HARBOR HOTEL OWNED BY RESIDENTS

BAR HARBOR, Me., Dec. 19 (Special)—The Malvern, the largest summer hotel at Bar Harbor, with a number of cottages operated as an annex, has been taken over by a corporation made up of 31 prominent summer residents, most of them owners of extensive estates.

It is understood that the purchase of the hotel was to insure against any possibility of a change in ownership and a policy which might bring a class of patronage considered undesirable by the summer colony. The corporation is known as the Malvern Hotel Company. The stockholders include Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Dr. Joseph Blake, Miss Eleanor DeGraff Cuyler and Mrs. Clinton Orlive of New York, and Bishop William Lawrence and Dr. Augustus Thordahl of Boston. Parker Corning of Albany is president of the board of directors, William Proctor, secretary-treasurer and clerk, and the other members are William B. Moore, Dave Hennesy, E. L. Morris, Campbell W. Steward and William Proctor.

BUFFALO TO HAVE "GOOD WILL WEEK"

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16 (Special Correspondence)—Buffalo is to observe "Good Will Week," beginning Dec. 27. During the week citizens are pledged to "think no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil of any man; to recall and review the good that has been done by our families, our associates and our public servants, and to give all credit to whomsoever it is due."

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AUTOMOBILE MEN IN MAINE ORGANIZE

New Association Proposes to Be of Service to Members and the State Generally

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19 (Special)—The Maine Automobile Association is now the Maine Automobile Association, Inc. At a meeting held here yesterday afternoon the transfer was officially accomplished and the widely known organization was transformed from a social association into a business corporation to be operated along business lines.

The Maine Automobile Association, Inc. will have virtually the same officers as the old organization and will be operated for the sole benefit of the motorists of Maine only. It will now be backed by a stock company having ample funds with which to carry on its work.

According to the meeting held here yesterday afternoon it will be a service organization, devoted entirely to giving service to its members, and it will be formed along the lines of the great clubs of the country, and especially the Cleveland club, which is today one of the most active and successful in the United States.

The club will have a full time manager, will publish a monthly magazine, will establish an up to the minute touring bureau, will have a road service for its members, and will have a national affiliation. It will take, as it has in the past, a very active part in highway and automobile legislation in the State.

Charles H. Fogg of Houlton and D. W. Hoegg Jr. were elected officers of the new organization. Mr. Fogg is the Maine Motorist and which will come out on the first day of every month. Lester H. Penley of Portland was elected business manager and will assume his new office on Jan. 1.

Hiram W. Ricker of Poland Springs was re-elected president, but in the new organization the term is to be for only two years. Charles H. Fogg of Houlton was elected first vice-president; Joseph W. Simpson of York Harbor, second vice-president, and William D. Talbot of Rockland, third vice-president.

The active management of the new association will be vested in an executive committee which will meet every Tuesday at Portland. This committee is composed of some of the leading men of Maine, and all of them have pledged themselves to take an active interest in making the association a success.

OFFICIALS CONDEMN 300 TONS OF COAL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19 (Special)—Three hundred tons of anthracite coal, consigned to dealers in this state, have been condemned by State Fuel Administrator Webb. The coal, according to the fuel administrator, has been found to contain 24.36 per cent ash, which is 10 per cent in excess of the standard tolerance. One consignment of two carloads was rejected by the consignee, as unacceptable. Four carloads were shipped here by brokers for sale in the open market and have been ordered withdrawn.

TOWN PENALIZED FOR HIRING TEACHERS

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of two teachers in public schools, who did not possess certificates of qualification to teach from the State Board of Education. Under the law the State may deduct from the school allowance to a town the amount which that town has paid to teachers not certificated by the state board. Two such teachers were engaged in Warwick schools and the State has given notice that it will deduct from the school funds the amount of salaries paid the teachers with the next remittance by the State Treasurer.

MILK THE TOPIC AT FOOD MEETING

New England Said to Be Largest Consumer

AMHERST, Mass., Dec. 19 (Special)—New England uses more milk per capita than any other section of the country, according to Prof. W. P. B. Lockwood of the New England Dairy and Food Council, who spoke here yesterday at the conference of agricultural extension workers. Professor Lockwood said also that his experience led him to conclude that the quality of the milk used here was better than that consumed in any other region in the east.

Professor Lockwood told of the organization of the Dairy and Food Council and its work, particularly among school children. The council is financed jointly by the milk producers and distributors, and its work includes not only the encouragement of the use of more milk, but the proper use of vegetables and fruits.

The rest of the day was given over to committee work dealing with the extension program of work for next year. The committee reports will be brought up for discussion today and Thursday and the program for next year will be built upon them.

Today presents Prof. R. F. Taber of Ohio State University to discuss "A Foundation of Facts," as derived from farm accounting; Dr. B. A. Andrews of Teachers' College, Columbia, who will speak on "Economics of the Household," and Miss Grace E. Fryslinger, field agent of the division of methods of the United States Department of Agriculture.

At a dinner in Draper Hall this evening, Miss Beas Rowe, field editor of "The Farmer's Wife," will discuss "Extension Work and the Press," and Director C. W. Warburton of the extension service of the United States Department of Agriculture will state the national viewpoint of extension work.

MILL MAN TO PAY BANK DEPOSITORS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19 (Special)—Jesse H. Metcalf, mill man and financier, and a prominent factor of Brown University, has announced that he will pay to depositors in the Christmas fund of the Cosmopolitan Trust Company, closed by order of the state bank commissioner, all their deposits with interest. There are 2000 persons deprived of their Christmas savings funds, who will benefit by Mr. Metcalf's offer. Their claims aggregate over \$150,000.

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Woman Leads Drive Against Police Chief
Lax Law Enforcement Charged in Rhode Island Town
NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19 (Special)—Citizens of the town, led by a former school teacher, have undertaken the matter of improving law enforcement conditions and propose the dismissal of the chief of police, alleged to be responsible for lax law enforcement.
These mass meetings have been called to take place in different sections of the town within the next two weeks. A petition, calling upon the town council to remove from office Chief of Police George P. Willis, recites that the council by taking such action may show that it does not approve of present conditions. Miss Avis A. Hawkins is the leader of the movement and copies of the petitions are said to be finding ready signers.
The action of the citizens was induced by recent exposures of conditions in the town, which the petition describes as being indicated by the fact that "laws are being openly broken," and "crime of every description is being committed," without "any apparent effort on the part of the police to investigate."

TESTS FOR WEST POINT
Examinations for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point from the Eleventh Massachusetts Congressional District will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, 1924, in the office of the secretary of the first United States civil service district, fifteenth floor of the Custom House, Boston. Local residents of the district who will be between the ages of 17 and 22 years on July 1, next, when the appointment will be made, are eligible.

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Musical Education Promoted For All the People of Lowell

Great Memorial Auditorium Enables Extensive Use of
Parker Fund and Normal School Co-operation

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—Possessing an unusual opportunity by reason of its co-operation of interests and co-ordination of equipment, this city is fast gaining a reputation as an educational and musical center and the future holds out inviting possibilities that are encouraging those citizens, who are residents of the community and desirous of seeing it progress, in their endeavors to place elevating influences within reach of the entire population.

The establishment of the Moses Greeley Parker educational courses of lectures and entertainments, which include the presentation of the highest and best in art and music, combined with the co-operation of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell's magnificent million dollar tribute in honor of her soldiers in all wars the country engaged in, has made it possible for the people of the city to enjoy and profit by much along educational lines that otherwise would not have been within reach of the population of this mill city.

Normal School Music. In addition to this arrangement, the fact that higher education in music is being conducted at the state normal school here, which has been designated by the State Board of Education as the normal school where post graduate courses in music shall be given, adds to the musical atmosphere of the community and also encourages an appreciation of music.

The will of Moses Greeley Parker of Lowell provided a fund to be known as the Moses Greeley Parker fund for free lectures to be administered by a committee consisting of the Mayor, principals of the high school, the textile school and the state normal school and three others. It was stipulated that the city of Lowell should provide free of expense a proper hall in this city, or allow the free use of high school hall for the purpose.

Through the gift of Mr. Parker, that made the establishment of the courses possible, the people of Lowell have been privileged to hear such artists as Mary Garden, Galli-Curci, Clara Ivo, of the Chicago Opera Company; Padewski, and others high in the musical world at absolutely no cost to them; and in the future they are to hear others, the program for the remainder of the season including artists of exceptional merit. Cora Chase, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, will sing at the Auditorium on the night of April 8, the closing number of the course for this season.

Arthur Weigall, on the recent discoveries in Upper Egypt, and E. H. Newman, in his travel talks on South America, have been among the excellent lectures provided thus far this season and lecturers who are to appear in January include Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars and Gen. J. G. Harbord.

Sunday Afternoon Course. The course for Sunday afternoons is arranged on the same high order as the week day evening courses. At both week day, evening and Sunday afternoon lectures and entertainments the audiences are quiet and appreciative. Everybody who attends is there to see and hear and learn and appreciate and so intense had been the interest and so keen the appreciation that there has been a profound stillness throughout the rendition of the entire program.

Clarence M. Weed, secretary of the committee, says that the Parker courses and the Auditorium have been one of the greatest benefits to the city of Lowell that could be devised and the people are receiving instruction in the elevating things in life that would not have been within their reach without the facilities now at hand.

Miss Inez Field Damon, music director in charge of the course for music supervisors at the State Normal School, and one of the enthusiastic endorsers of the Auditorium and the lecture and musical courses, said that Lowell possessed an opportunity that few American cities of its size had to become an educational and musical center.

Music is receiving more attention in school life and the course at the State

Normal School is for the finishing training for music supervisors. It is planned to meet the needs of the increasingly important place which music is taking in the field of education.

While the people of Lowell, the mill workers and those engaged in the textile industry, are gaining an appreciation of music and art that they never were privileged to gain before, in the same city, advanced courses are provided for the instruction of those who, when they have finished their education, will be able to teach music to the coming generation.

MUSIC

More Enfants Terribles.

In the second of her lecture-recitals on "Enfants Terribles of Modern and Contemporary Music," given yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Sohler Welch, 125 Beacon Street, Miss Jeanne de Mare brought an interested audience about level with the 1923 New York high tide of modernism. Starting with poor, old-fashioned Ravel, still persisting in writing vertically and in using such outworn devices as ninths and thirteenth, she proceeded to Poulenc and Milhaud of the Paris "Six" (omitting, by the way, to mention that this famous group has now disbanded), who contemns chords and writes in superimposed and unrelated tonalities; thence to Ornstein and Cowell, the American individualists of dissonance, and finally (here we borrow from Mr. Stephen Lescock) "behind the beyond" to Schönberg, who discards not only chord but line as well, and dwells, as Miss de Mare frankly said, in musical anarchy.

For the most part, the musical examples offered by Miss de Mare yesterday seemed trivial, designed rather to entertain and amuse than to provide typical examples of the composers' work. This was not so much the case with Ravel's reactionary; perhaps the "Pavane" and the "Schéhérazade" excerpt, sung very well by Greta Torpade, were as representative as anything that could be offered by two performers. But when you listen to Milhaud's "Catalogue des Fleurs," with text taken from a florist's circular describing his wares, and concluding in one instance with the announcement that you will receive the bill by mail, you can't help feeling that you're being a little spoofed. And so far as one listener was concerned, the violet music would have done equally well for the crocus or the lily.

The section we were permitted to hear of Poulenc's "Mouvements perpétuels" on the piano did not leave the impression that what Miss de Mare described as its "ongoingness" had anything imperative about it. His animal songs were amusing, as Saint-Saëns' orchestral beats were last year, but there was nothing in them to write home about.

And so to Mr. Ornstein, a much better known bad boy of music hereabouts. As for his song, "The Raindrop," which was new to us, we thought it a pity that the composer and Miss Torpade should be so distressed over the drop's disappearance; there were bound to be plenty more. His Arabesques for the piano have more significance for this reviewer, who has not forgotten the delight with which, some years ago, he first listened to the composer's "Moods." People said Ornstein never could play "Anger" the same way twice; but he did.

Mr. Cowell is the exponent of "formal technique." We are not yet convinced of the necessity of this technique, in spite of Miss de Mare's graceful demonstration of it; but apart from that the rhythm of his "Tides of Manaunau" gave us some

of the most pleasurable moments of the afternoon.

As "Pierrot Lunaire," composed before the war, but heard in English-speaking countries only within a year, represents musical anarchy, it cannot of course be judged by any standards except Mr. Schönberg's. The section sang (or chanted) yesterday by Miss Torpade, represented the address of the moonstruck Pierrot to the Moon, supposed also to be indisposed at the time. The voice follows no line, but emits a series of whines, which, though not quite beautiful singing according to our old teachers, nevertheless do have a remarkable effect. The voice, with the irregular rhythm of the instrument (a flute was what the composer wrote for) certainly suggests the desired atmosphere. We should like to hear the composition as a whole.

L. A. S.

The Miquelles

René and Georges Miquelle gave a recital of music for piano and violin-cello last night in Steinert Hall. The program:

Pizzetti.....Sonata in F
Hoe.....Andalusian Serenade
Kämpf.....Andalusian Serenade
Debussy.....Les carnavaux
Poulenc.....Introduction and Polonaise
Chopin.....Introduction and Polonaise

Pizzetti's sonata was played for the first time here, as was Debussy's ballade "Les carnavaux." Pizzetti speaks a peculiarly personal idiom. It consists rather in novel arrangements and combinations of phrases than in the use of recalcitrant harmonies or unusual melodic outlines. Each bit of melody or harmony, then, is not in itself of particular distinction. This lies rather in the manner in which these fragments are pieced together. The natural consequence of this manner of writing is that at first the hearer is somewhat bewildered by this seeming lack of continuity, but as the music continues it is readily understood that this musical patchwork is constructed according to a preconceived and logical design.

So much for the composer's evident intentions as to the structural plan of his work. On the emotional side it is exceedingly difficult to comprehend. That it is profoundly emotional there is no doubt, but just what program underlies the music it is difficult to discover, for there can be no doubt that such a program existed in the mind of the composer. Of this he gives no clue, and for this reason his music is often vague, and even formless. Yet it is music of depth, of grandeur, of power expressed in a form of musical speech as yet unfamiliar, a speech, however, the study and understanding of which will undoubtedly richly reward us.

The concert given from year to year by Mr. and Mrs. Miquelle are a welcome feature of the Boston concert season. Not only are the programs well chosen, always including as they do some interesting novelty, but they are so artistically presented, so sympathetically interpreted that they bring welcome relief. Last night's was no exception. It was a pleasure to note as well the steady progress which the two players are making. Mrs. Miquelle in particular played with greater freedom and variety of tone color than ever before. S. M.

PRIZE FOR BIBLE READING. WILBRAHAM, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—The annual prize offered by Headmaster Douglas of Wilbraham Academy for excellence in reading aloud a passage of the Bible has been awarded to Webster Eldredge, 24, of Malrose. Nineteen students took part in the contest which consisted in reading aloud the first 17 verses of the Gospel according to John. The school will close on Friday for the Christmas vacation of 15 days.

NASHUA MILLS TO CLOSE. NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 19.—Notices were posted today at the Nashua mills and the Jackson mill of the Nashua Manufacturing Company, cotton textile makers, of a complete shut-down from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2. Approximately 4000 operatives are employed.

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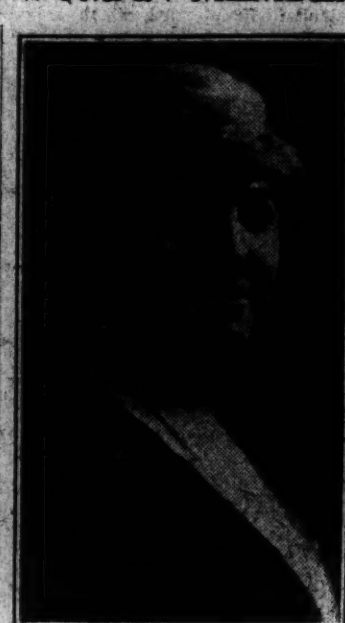
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19 (Special).—For the first time in its history Portland has a woman on its city council. Mrs. Florence A. Stevens, the only woman candidate successful in the recent election, will serve with four men associates, five councilors constituting the board under the new charter.

Mrs. Stevens is a native of Providence, R. I., and was educated in the schools of that city and Columbia University. After teaching school a short time she was made superintendent of home economics in the Pawtucket public schools. Later she took up Government work and during the war was in the federal food administration as a demonstration agent in Worcester, Leicester and Fitchburg. She came to Portland as director of the home department in the State Agricultural and Industrial League.

"While I am a Republican in national politics and a firm admirer of President Coolidge, I am not partisan in local affairs," said Mrs. Stevens. "This is my first experience in politics and I am well aware that the tasks ahead are abundant and the problems serious, but I am optimistic about them."

"Neither am I disturbed because I happen to be the only woman on the board. I have been associated with men in business for years and I can understand their ways and adjust myself to the responsibilities of this new position. I feel sure."

Mrs. Stevens has held the position of director of home service in the Maine Savings Bank for some time and will continue in that work. She is a member of the Rosinai and other



Mrs. Florence A. Stevens
Member of Portland, Me., City Council

DR. HARRY A. GARFIELD TO LEAVE FOR EUROPE

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Dec. 19 (Special).—Dr. Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams College, and Mrs. Garfield will sail for Europe on Dec. 29, for two months' travel abroad. As last year, arrangements will probably be made by President Garfield while in Europe for engaging speakers at next summer's Institute of Politics.

The President and his wife will tour England, France, and probably Czechoslovakia, and remain for some time at Geneva, Switzerland. Following a trip through parts of Italy, they will leave for America from Naples aboard the Lapland on Feb. 17.

SALE OF POOR COAL FORBIDDEN

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 19.—Sale of four carloads of coal shipped to this city and held up recently by William Foster, sealer of weights and measures on suspicion that it fell below the State standard requirements, has been forbidden by the food and drug division of the state Health Department after analysis, according to word received today. The coal has not been confiscated but the dealers to whom it was consigned have been forbidden to sell it.

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MONROE DOCTRINE TOPIC OF MEETING

Centenary to Be Observed by
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Celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Monroe Doctrine by the United States will be observed by the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts, at a meeting tomorrow, by a geographical and historical study of the United States of today as compared to the period which gave rise to the Monroe Doctrine.

Side by side with the up-to-date maps of the United States and her insular possessions will hang an old map of the United States printed in 1823 which has been loaned for this occasion by the Boston Public Library.

Patriotic songs of Americans of early times will be sung under the direction of Mrs. George W. Knowlton Jr. Mrs. Ida Porter Beyer will talk on "What We Mean by the United States and the Monroe Doctrine."

The program will close with the reading of the peroration of President Coolidge's message which deals with the Monroe Doctrine in the light of the great change which has taken place during the last 100 years of the national life, advancing the Nation's position in the family of nations from one of weakness and self-defense to greatness and commanding power.

The meeting will be held at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, beginning at 11 a. m.

UNIVERSITY TERM CLOSING

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 19 (Special).—This is examination week at the University of New Hampshire. Examinations began Monday morning, and will continue until Friday afternoon. The fall term closes at 4 p. m. Friday, and shortly after that hour practically every student will have left the campus for the midyear vacation. The winter term will open on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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MR. GOODWIN ASKS INCREASE IN FORCE

More Registry Department Inspectors and Closer Co-operation of Police Seen as Need

The great increase in motor-car registrations in Massachusetts during the past year, an expected gain of another 100,000 in 1924, and a constantly growing number of motor-law violations, which menace the public safety on crowded highways, are reasons cited by Frank A. Goodwin, registrar of motor vehicles, for the need of increasing the force of inspectors in the registry department, who actively enforce motor-car regulations and investigate cases where the law has been disregarded by motorists, especially instances of drunken driving.

Of the 11,613 motor-car registrations and drivers' licenses revoked or suspended this year, the largest number of these, 4441, resulted from investigations by registry inspectors, who not only performed their regular duties, such as examining applicants for licenses, but also were active in different parts of the State enforcing the automobile laws, says Mr. Goodwin. He continued:

We need more of these inspectors, because the constant increase in the number of automobiles makes our work in proportion. Although the campaign by registry inspectors during the past year to enforce proper equipment of motor cars has resulted in the registration of 523 cars being revoked for lights not complying with the law, and 532 cars for improper brakes, there are still many machines running on highways at night with glaring headlights or rear lights that do not meet the requirements of the law, and motorists themselves tell us that these violations are increasing in number.

Drunken Driver Menace
Mr. Goodwin points out that Massachusetts has excellent laws governing motor vehicles, in fact only one or two other states have as complete or comprehensive a code, he says. The efforts of the registry inspectors in co-operating with the police, to check violators, is probably the reason why Lowell showed the greatest decrease in automobile accidents of any city in the country, and that, as for the whole State, is lower this year despite the increase in motor vehicles, according to the figures of the United States Census Bureau. Mr. Goodwin said:

Another important work for which we need more men is in co-operating with the police in driving from the highways persons who combine drinking intoxicating liquor and motor car operation. Although liquor was the greatest cause of drivers losing their licenses this year, hardly a day goes by without some incident going on the records which involves a drunken driver. This year's total licenses revoked or suspended for liquor violations, which have been taken up for all causes in either 1918 or 1919.

This tendency to drink and drive must be suppressed if we are to reduce the number of automobile accidents. I have written to Police Commissioner Wilson of Boston, asking him that every effort be made to have all witnesses possible appear in cases of intoxicated drivers reach the Superior Court on appeals, in order to get a conviction.

Mr. Goodwin calls attention to the number of cases of drivers being evaded conviction in liquor-motor cases by delaying disposition as long as possible.

Bills Pending in Legislature
Commenting on the action of Newark, N. J., officials in secretly swearing in 10 citizens owning high-powered cars to report motor-law violators, Mr. Goodwin expresses the opinion that Massachusetts communities will not adopt such a plan because the State already has the 75 inspectors of the registry department, but Mr. Goodwin points out that it is the right and duty of every citizen to report to the authorities any violation of the law, or recklessness which endangers the public safety, and the officers of the law will investigate. Mr. Goodwin also declared:

There are several bills now pending in the Massachusetts Legislature, all of which, with varying conditions, would make a prison term the penalty for the first offense of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The General Court will give us the laws to suppress this menace, but to enforce them properly will require closer co-operation between the State and city officials, and a larger force of inspectors in the registry department.

TRADE OPPORTUNITY SEEN IN LATIN AMERICA

Special from Monitor Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Monroe Doctrine has served as a defense creed, has frequently safeguarded the interests of this country in this hemisphere, and has proved a bulwark of liberty for certain Latin-American nations. Frank A. Vanderlip, the American banker, admits, but he adds that it has been "a mixed blessing" when its effect upon the progress of Latin-America is considered. "I believe," Mr. Vanderlip declared, "that the business men of this country will find relief from an uncertain market in Europe if they turn their attention to Latin-America, using the same type of common sense in their relations with the southern republics that they have so successfully applied in building up their own enterprises."

CLERGYMAN PROPOSES PEACE DEPARTMENT

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 15 (Special Correspondence).—The establishment of a new department in the federal Cabinet, to be known as the Department of Peace, is the suggestion which

has been made here by the Rev. H. B. Storey, and which has found favor in several directions. The duties of the proposed Minister of Peace would be to supervise the distribution of peace propaganda, much in the same manner that the Minister of Militia attends to the war propaganda. Prof. A. G. Dorland of Western University has come to the support of the Rev. Mr. Storey and has been outspoken in advocating the peace department plan.

"We have a machine for making war preparations," said Professor Dorland, "whereas, instead, we should have one whose function it would be to make peace preparations."

"How important it is," said Mr. Storey, "that we should have an establishment devoted to the maintenance of peace. It would get people thinking in terms of peace instead of war. The nations of the world go to war largely through the leadership of politicians. They are made the victims of jingoism. Usually war is precipitated by these politicians to cover their own blunders. It would be a difficult matter to plunge a nation into needless war if the peace department were functioning."

ALLIANCE RETARDS LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

Somerville Organization Sees Progress in Making Illicit Traffic More Difficult

While progress has been made in enforcing constitutional prohibition in Somerville, much remains to be done, was the substance of a report made last night to the executive committee of the Citizens' Alliance of that Massachusetts city. Two or three other committees having to do with law enforcement made their reports last night at the meeting of the committee which was held at the residence of Rev. Edwin Thomas Root, in Putnam Street, John Calder Gordon, president of the organization, presiding.

For the committee of law enforcement a report of progress was made concerning the work of suppressing the liquor traffic in Somerville. It was stated that much had been done in the way of making it more difficult to sell and buy liquors in Somerville. Constant vigilance, it was reported, is having its effect.

The report covered the operations of the police department of Somerville and the functioning of the police organization and other local officials whose duties include law enforcement. The law enforcement committee also reported that while conditions in general in Somerville were good yet there remains much to be done, especially as "the law is being violated openly in many directions and this includes many so-called 'reputable citizens' who would least be expected to be participants in the violations of law."

The several committees engaged in the survey of the entire city reported that it is expected that this work will have been completed by the middle of next January. As soon as this survey has been made and the facts ascertained and connected, a mass meeting of all of the moral forces in Somerville is to be called.

Mass Meeting in January
This mass meeting will be presented with the facts as revealed by the survey and it is expected that organization for concerted action will be taken. A drive to awaken public opinion and demand complete law enforcement so far as possible is to be the important action expected of the mass meeting which will be held probably toward the latter part of January.

It is said that the survey being taken shows that conditions, while far from ideal, are not nearly so bad in Somerville as they are in certain other cities and towns in the immediate vicinity. A vote was passed promising hearty support and co-operation to the New England Citizens' Conference for Law Enforcement which is to be held in Boston the middle of next month.

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SOLDIERS MUTINY IN EASTERN SIBERIA

HARBIN, Dec. 19 (AP).—A mutiny of Soviet Russian troops, commencing last Monday, is reported from Vladivostok, Nikolai and Khabarovsk. The mutinous Reds, the reports say, are being assisted by partisans of the white, or anti-Soviet faction in Siberia. The populations of the cities named are said to have been driven to desperation by the ruthless collection of food taxes, religious persecution, and the harsh official Soviet régime.

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Office Boy to Executive

Robert E. M. Cowie
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"Plenty of work did it" is Mr. Cowie's only comment.

CHINESE FAMINE INQUIRY PLANNED

Lamont Suggestions Accepted by American Relief Fund

Special from Monitor Bureau
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Lamont plan for the study and investigation of famine causes and relief in China, the outgrowth of preventive effort started immediately after the last Chinese famine in 1921, has been accepted by the executive committee of the American China Famine Relief Fund and will immediately be put into effect, according to Dr. J. E. Williams, vice-president of the University of Nanking, who is now in this country.

This will place at the disposal of China two funds of \$675,000 and \$225,000 respectively, to be devoted to famine prevention and agricultural and forestry education at the universities of Peking and Nanking. The chances for constructive action are thus better in China in the matter of another food emergency. Dr. Williams stated today to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, than ever before. Also an emergency fund of \$100,000 has been set aside for use as a nucleus to start a national campaign in the United States for famine relief in China, should such a campaign again be necessary. The plan was devised by Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the American committee appointed in 1921 for Chinese relief.

Four Committees Named

The Cambridge branch of the league has appointed four committees to assist in its share of the work. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters.

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Three-Day Course in Foreign Affairs Planned by League of Women Voters

Eminent speakers have been obtained to address the Radcliffe School of Foreign Affairs which is to be conducted in Agassiz Theater on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 9, 10 and 11, by the Massachusetts League of Women Voters with the co-operation of Radcliffe College. Similar schools, but dealing with different subjects, have been held by the league at Radcliffe, Smith and Wellesley colleges and Clark University constituting what is virtually a school of politics for women, in which they become acquainted with governmental processes and great issues before the Nation.

All of the sessions are open to the public and it is expected that last year's large attendance will be exceeded. The following is the program for the School of Politics:

COURSE I
The Geographical Basis of International Politics, Prof. T. A. T. Jan. 9, 10:00 a. m. Opening, President Ada L. Comstock will preside. "The New Europe," Prof. Robert H. Lord, 11:30 a. m. "The Near East," Prof. Alfred L. P. Dean, 3:00 p. m. "The Far East," Prof. George H. Blackledge, 4:00 p. m. Discussion, 8:00 p. m. Mal-Glen, Henry T. Allen, of the United States Army of Occupation.

COURSE II
The Foreign Relations of the United States—Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a. m. "Conduct of the United States Foreign Relations," J. Butler Wright, Third Assistant Secretary of State, 11:30 a. m. "The United States in the Philippines," Prof. George C. Chandler, 3:00 p. m. "Reparations," Roland W. Boyden, representative of the United States on the Reparations Commission.

COURSE III
International Organization, Thursday, Jan. 10, 10:00 a. m. "Four Years of the League of Nations," Prof. Stanley O. Hudson of the Harvard Law School, authority on international law, 11:30 a. m. "International Organizations Established by the League," "Health," Prof. George C. Chandler, 3:00 p. m. "Opium and Traffic in Women and Girls," Mrs. John Moorhead, 4:00 p. m. Discussion, 8:00 p. m. Presiding, President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke, chairman of the committee which suggested the school of politics, "Women of the World Today," Mrs. Maud Wood Park, president of the National League of Women Voters.

Gov. Channing H. Cox today nominated William Cushing Watt as associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to succeed Justice Jenney.

Justice Watt was born in Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 18, 1860; attended Charlestown public schools; moved to Medford in 1870; graduated from Medford High School in 1878; graduated from Harvard College in 1882; graduated from Harvard Law School in 1885, with degrees of A.M. and LL.B. He started to practice law in Boston, entering the office of Nathan Matthews; later associated with George H. Eaton; and finally with Samuel J. Elder, under the firm name of Elder, Watt and Whitman. He was appointed associate justice of the Superior Court in 1902, where he has presided largely in the equity session.

The Governor also nominated George M. Byrne of Winchester as a trustee of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company. Mr. Byrne is a member of George M. Byrne & Co., builders and contractors, and for several years has been chairman of the Winchester Board of Selectmen.

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Commissioner Wilson Issues Statement on Berkeley and Stuart Street Site

The deal by which the City of Boston will acquire the parcel at the corner of Berkeley and Stuart streets, owned by the Park Square Real Estate Trust, as the site for the new \$1,000,000 police headquarters, will be closed as soon as possible, according to Police Commissioner Wilson, who has issued a statement in which he outlines the careful consideration given the matter before the present location was decided upon, and accepted by Mayor Curley.

"In spending \$1,000,000 for a new headquarters, we must look into the future, and build for tomorrow's requirements," explains Mr. Wilson, and adds that certainly the trend of the business community is in the direction of the Park Square section. Furthermore, Mr. Wilson points out, to purchase property adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Court House, if a proper piece could be obtained, would require all or most of the \$1,000,000 appropriation, leaving little or nothing for a new building.

The present quarters in Pemberton Square are decidedly inadequate, and the shape of the lot on which the present building, formerly residential, stands, is not adapted to the kind of building which the department requires for headquarters. Mr. Wilson points out.

Plans for the new building, according to Mr. Wilson, call for eight floors, or possibly six at first with provision to build additional stories later. The first floor will contain the offices of the superintendent. There will be a floor for the bureau of criminal investigation, one for the trial board hearing room, one for the liquor squad and narcotic division. The women police will probably occupy quarters on the same floor with the latter. Some of these details are not fixed yet.

"We plan to have one story unoccupied to keep for future growth," said Mr. Wilson. "For the time being we will probably place our photography department in that unoccupied story. The basement will be used for the finger-printing and booking. The office of the commission is yet to be determined."

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The Library

Aims and Methods

Discussed by
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Librarian Public Library, Seattle, Wash.

THE best reading for the largest number at the least cost" has for many years been the motto of the American Library Association. The A. L. A. is a professional organization of over 9000 members with something of a missionary spirit, devoted to promoting the welfare of libraries in America. In addition to the customary functions of a professional organization it acts as a clearing house for library information, carries on a heavy correspondence aiding in the establishment and organization of libraries, advises regarding plans for library buildings, promotes publicity for libraries, operates an employment agency for librarians, and publishes a large amount of professional and bibliographical material of value to libraries and librarians.

In the 47 years of its life this association has been an important factor in developing library service in the United States. America has become recognized as a leader in public library management and other countries are now coming here for assistance in library matters. The modern public library is comparatively a new institution, and it is perhaps therefore not strange that its methods, its ideals, and its needs are so little known.

This article will attempt to answer three questions often asked about library work. The questions themselves and their frequent recurrence testify to the need of publicity for libraries.

The first question relates to books and is asked in various forms: Who selects your books? How do you know what to buy? Do you get every book published?

Selecting New Books

Few public libraries could buy and care for all of the 15,000 or more new books which are published every year in the United States and Great Britain, nor would all of these books be needed in the average library. Book selection is one of the librarian's most important and difficult tasks. With an eye on his pitifully small book fund, and with a finger on the pulse of his community's life and needs, he must choose the books most necessary to his own library. Some books are sent to the library by the publishers "on approval." In Seattle we secure and read every book of fiction before purchasing it. For the most part, the librarian must depend upon book reviews and selected lists of books, such as the American Library Association's Booklist. The standing of the author and publisher, the demand for the author's previous work and public interest in the subject are of course considered. In short, librarians consider the merit of the book itself and the need for that book as against others, for a choice there must be.

The second question has to do with the librarian and his need of training for the work. It was well stated and well answered many years ago by Mary W. Plummer in the following words:

Training for Service

"Why should one need training in order to fill a position in a library? What is there to do that requires training? What do you do at a library school, or what do you find to do in a library when there isn't a crowd of people to be waited on? These are questions that are put every day to librarians.

While the most necessary preparation for librarianship, as for other professions, is a good general education, and the most necessary natural qualification is common sense, there is a technical side in the work of every institution for the mastery of which neither a general education nor common sense is sufficient equipment."

There are records to be kept and methods to be learned. Books must be carefully selected, economically bought and systematically catalogued. There are rules to be considered, ways of attracting readers, ways of raising money, and buildings to be planned. The subjects to be studied and considered are numerous.

As a result of this need for special training library schools have sprung up in various parts of the country. Some of these schools require a college degree for entrance, while others accept candidates with only a high school education. Some give a one-year course, while others require two years of study. The whole training for library work is now being carefully studied by a special training board appointed by the American Library Association.

Planning a Library Building

Our third and last inquiry concerns the building. "Why do you spend so much time and thought in locating and planning your libraries? It seems to me librarians are busy." Perhaps we are. Let's see. Why will a department store sell its old but entirely adequate building at a loss and build a new home, perhaps only a few blocks away from the old location? Simply because the lines of traffic have changed and the new location will bring more trade which will make the new building a good investment. It will pay in dollars and cents. By the same reasoning a good location for your library building will make it more efficient in fulfilling its mission.

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It may not pay in dollars and cents, but it will give increased returns in the information, culture and happiness that come from a greater use of books. But library buildings should not only be centrally located, they should be easy of access. I have heard business men say that they would willingly pay thousands of dollars to do away with one or two steps at the entrance of their store. This is a busy age and no one is to be blamed when he saves time by choosing the easier path. This same reasoning may not apply to our library buildings, but I am inclined to believe that it does.



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I believe that our libraries should not only be conveniently located, but should be easy to get into. If this logic be correct and librarians find it advisable to adopt some of the business man's ideas it will mean the elimination of the monumental type of library building with the interminable steps of its grand approaches. It may mean the adoption of a different style of architecture—but our library buildings should be beautiful and dignified. They should never be so formal and monumental as to repel any type of reader. One of our most successful branch libraries in Seattle is built in what the architect called Italian farm house style. The lines of this building are broken and irregular. Its walls are of white plaster and its low roof of red mission tile. Set in its green lawn and shrubbery, the building presents an inviting and homelike effect that invites one to enter.

Then, too, it pays to give a thought to the interior arrangement of the library. Competent librarians with a collection of well-chosen books could make a library and give good service in a barn, but they would be able to give much better service in a building arranged to promote the convenience and comfort of both readers and employees. Let me quote Seattle again, this time not with pride. A few years ago, through an extension of the city limits, we came into possession of another library building. On its main floor this building had two reading rooms each about 22 feet square. The second floor contained an auditorium with the usual grand equipment of fixed opera chairs, balcony, and stage. In order to make this building serve acceptably as a branch library it was necessary to do away with the auditorium and transform the second floor into a children's department. What is the result? Our annual salary expense at this branch is from \$1000 to \$1200 more than it would be in a properly planned building where all the reading rooms are on one floor.

Open Shelves
The tendency in recent library buildings is to put more and more books in open reading rooms, giving readers greater freedom of access to the shelves. The arguments against

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This plan is that the books are subjected to greater wear and tear and more volumes are lost through misplacement or theft. On the other hand, readers naturally prefer to make their selection directly from the books on the shelves rather than from cards in a catalogue. Open shelves promote the use of books and that is what libraries are for. It is doubtful if the old closed shelf plan will ever come back into use.

Relation of Librarian to Staff

There are many other factors in the making of a good public library: a board of progressive trustees, an adequate appropriation, satisfactory library laws, these are all essential, but they only pave the way for the books, the librarians, and the buildings. A well housed and well chosen library in the hands of a staff of competent librarians will reach out in an effective way to serve the book needs



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of its community. Its chief librarian will fill the roll of friendly adviser to his assistants, aiding and abetting them in their efforts to make the library useful. To serve in such a capacity with enthusiastic assistants is an enviable position.

Co-operation on the Part of Library

I have always felt that the library should be represented in every local organization that makes for civic betterment, in the principal social clubs and in other organizations. And its representative should not always be the chief librarian, by any means. Every librarian on the staff should be a member of some local club or society or association and should make it her business to see that the library is of service to that organization. The many contacts and contacts are mutually helpful to the library and to the organizations.

Library's Place in the Community

Librarians are sometimes admonished to become leaders in their communities. Helpers would be a better word. When librarians are able to make their libraries helpful to every worthy individual or cause then our libraries will become what they should be, adequately supported and appreciated public service institutions.

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TWILIGHT TALES

Tina's Christmas Tree

IT WOULD never have come out this way, had it not been that Tina understood their language. But you do not even know who Tina was, who her family was, or that their language was neither English nor French nor yet Scandinavian. Tina was a little girl who had lived always, until this year, in a part of the United States where she had never seen a tree. Her family consisted of two tall and four small cedar trees; their language, well, you would have to be with Tina to know why she said that she knew every word the trees spoke.

When Tina moved to this new home, gaily in the spring of the year, the first things she found to play with were the six trees. The ground sloped from the rear of the house down to a narrow ravine, in which grew the trees and through which ran a brook. Tina had seen brooks before, but she had never, except from a car window, seen a tree; so you can imagine how she felt when her father said she could have the trees for her own.

That was in the spring. One day early in the autumn her father had said to her, pointing to one of the small cedars: "That'll make a fine Christmas tree for a little girl I know," and anyone could have told by the way he looked that he meant Tina. She was delighted at the prospect of using one of her pets as a Christmas tree. But you must know that, outside of a picture book, and a motion picture, Tina had never seen a Christmas tree, so it did not occur to her that the little cedar would have to be chopped down. She supposed the presents would be brought into the ravine and hung on the tree as it stood, sturdy and proud in the midst of the other cedars. The autumn days, all golden with sunshine and frolicsome with gusts of wind, slipped into winter. Snow came, but its coming did not keep Tina from visiting the tree family daily.

It was the beginning of the week before Christmas. Tina was on the veranda, feeding some birds, when she saw her father and Joe, the stable boy, come up from the ravine. Her father did not come to the house, but waved his hand to her and went down town. Now who can tell whether Tina really heard the cedar call to her or whether she just felt she wanted to see them for a minute, for she had not seen them all day. At any rate, she ran down into the ravine, and oh! such a disturbed little family as she found there! Some people might have thought it was just the wind that caused the two tall trees to bend down close to the small ones, or they might have believed it was the cold that caused the little cedars to quiver and shake. But Tina knew. In all these months when she had played in their shade she had loved them and they her. She had talked to them—secrets, too—and they had answered. Of course they had condescended to her; their plans for growing up into beautiful tall trees so now, in a moment, the little girl knew that the tall trees were bending down as if to protect the little cedars.

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Friendship Between the Two Religions Said to Be Shaky

CALCUTTA, Nov. 14 (Special Correspondence)—The case proceeding between Sir Sankar Nair, a distinguished Indian Moderate hailing from Madras, and Sir Michael O'Dwyer, Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, during the war and up to 1920, has resulted in some interesting evidence relative to the Punjab rebellion of 1919 being given to the commission which is now sitting in Lahore taking evidence.

Malik Sir Omar Hayat Khan, a distinguished Muhammadan nobleman and soldier, a member of the Council of State and of the Escher Commission in 1920, in defending the general administration of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, observed that, according to his views his religion dictated, that there could not be true and perfect friendship with the Hindus, and that the so-called unity between the Hindus and Muhammadans was a mere show.

A well-known Bengali writer—a Hindu—writes in the Calcutta press that Sir Omar is absolutely right; that the present unity between certain sections of the two communities was based on nothing but common hatred of the British. Sir Omar Hayat Khan's injunctions regarding his religion are, says the same Bengali writer, shared by the most orthodox Hindus who despise the untouchables. No unity is possible between Hindus and Moslems till the views of each are broadened by education and association with members of the larger world.

"This," continues the Bengali writer, "is only made possible for us by the British connection, and those who seek to destroy the British connection are not only working against the principle of unity between the two communities, but are further trying to take our motherland back to a period when the conservatism of men like Sir Omar in the Muhammadan community, and of the orthodox Brahmins in Southern India in the Hindu community, made India what she was in the days prior to the British occupation."

RUMANIAN DEPUTIES NOW CONSIDERING "TERM OF GRACE" LAW
BUCHAREST, Dec. 1 (Special Correspondence)—The Rumanian Parliament now has under consideration, and will shortly adopt, a bill providing for a three months' extension of the "term of grace" law, passed last May, which, in reality, established a moratorium on the payment of Rumanian commercial debts contracted in foreign currencies prior to Jan. 1, 1922.

When the bill of last May (which provided for a "term of grace" to avoid the use of the word moratorium) was passed, it was expected that separate conventions would be arranged with creditors—including, of course, those in the United States—to provide for the funding of these commercial debts, equivalent to many millions of dollars, over a long period of years. So far, all the larger continental creditors have refused to recognize this so-called "term of grace" law; and none of them—except the British—have yet made separate agreements with their Rumanian debtors. American creditors have not yet even been consulted as to their views on the funding of commercial debts due in the United States.

The reason for the three months' prolongation of the moratorium is to enable the commission which is acting on behalf of the Rumanian debtors to continue its efforts to arrange satisfactory agreements with the creditor countries; but, as these efforts all center around the debts being liquidated in from 12 to 20 years, they are not meeting with much encouragement.

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BOOK REVIEWS AND LITERARY NEWS

A Master of the Short Story

Anton Chekhov

Fresh from the triumphs of his novel, "Fidelity," comes Mr. Gerhardt with a study of one of the masters of the short story. Chekhov's eminence has been denied; only lately, an American professor of the short tale spoke scornfully of him as wanting a knowledge of elementary technique. Mr. Gerhardt is wiser than that; wise, not only with the wisdom of the author, but with the intuitions of the genuine critic. It matters little that he has chosen, for his plan of approach, the method sponsored by J. Middleton Murry in his "Countries of the Mind." For, as his pages prove, he has the properly delicate balance of emotional and intellectual faculties that is needed for the appreciation of Chekhov perhaps more than for any other modern artist of the short story. Chekhov writes from and for a limbo world; there are no sharp outlines, neither are there blurs; it is a strange place in which the very constancy of movement has produced the effect of quiet, very much the same as in the astronomical books, revolves around the sun, but which in our everyday experience seems to stand comfortably still. This paradox Mr. Gerhardt has linked, and very aptly, to the seeming indifference of the man to his "passion for dissipation." Out of endless contradictions, Chekhov fashions beauty. "The want of motive," he writes, "is his artistic motive. And in his crowning work, the 'Three Sisters,' his achievement is complete. Even so has a young Yiddish-American writer, who has not been unimpressed by Chekhov, written that 'our very aimlessness is our goal.'"

Gerhardt's citation of the "Three Sisters" is fortunate. At least one American critic, during the first visit of the Moscow Players to the United States, discovered in this play just the qualities for which Gerhardt singles it out—just that interpenetration of deed, word, and intuition which makes of it a world in little, with more than a touch of Shakespearean freedom of construction and interweaving of significant strands.

Gerhardt's book consists of five pithy chapters. They are not to be read by one who runs. They are highly concentrated, and at times require a second reading. "In all essentials," he explains, he has lifted the chapter headings from Middleton Murry's book aforementioned, "that they may the better represent his definitions of each of the five 'movements' which comprise a critical examination of this kind. But I venture to express the hope that any failure on my part to use his method to advantage will not be identified with the intrinsic knot. Chekhov the man, in his abhorrence of labels and definite allegiances, is the human counterpart of his own artistic method. Gerhardt, in turn, goes to the man's pages for the revelation of his artistic personality. It is a healthy sign for contemporary

criticism that, more and more, the critics abandon externalities and delve into the intuitive process. The man's numerous quotations from the great Russian are a necessary part of this aesthetic approach. As the Russian-born child of English parents, Mr. Gerhardt seems fortunately placed for his task. He has written no merely chatty account—one of those amiable, but arid studies which are all too common. He has placed all students of Russian literature in his debt for a study in which intellectual and emotional sympathy have not dulled the edge of penetration.



A Russian Memorial to Anton Chekhov, by Antonio Sciortino, of the British Academy at Rome

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A Textbook on Lettering

A Book on the Art of P's and Q's Letter Arrangement

Miss Tannahill is an instructor in Fine Arts at Teacher's College, Columbia University. She pays a tribute to the memory of Arthur Wesley Dow. To him, she says, she owes the inspiration in working out her method of teaching the subject of lettering based on art principles. According to her well-written preface, interest in this art has been increasing steadily for many years. An old craft it is, with more scope for originality than many persons suppose. "Right spacing, good proportion, rhythm, unity, tone, color, and imagination are as necessary in making a simple sign as in designing a textile pattern." She then proceeds to give clear and accurate instruction for "Letters and Their Arrangement," with the fundamental art requirements. She wisely begins with the capital in its simple shape, arguing that "Letters with swish, serifs, and flourish are too difficult for the beginner, untrained in the simple relationships and fundamental principles of letter arrangement. Pretty strokes and 'curly-qs' cannot make up for the sins of commonplace line and grouping. Don't be in a hurry with the cart; the horse needs your attention first."

She draws from various sources for her designs, from a shore line, a wave, a flower stem, from Arabic script, from the Chinese and Japanese.

Letter groups, forming words, come next and then words in mass. The tools for making letters today are generally pens and brushes. These, together with the chisel and stylus, have been used throughout the cen-

turies. The various kinds of pens and brushes, and the effects produced by them, are indicated by text and illustration.

The subject of posters is given an appreciative and intelligent chapter. The poster is an acknowledged factor and any information which will tend to educate both the designer and the public is welcome. Some delightful examples are shown as out on museum blocks, by various artists.

Monograms and ciphers are dealt upon, also bookplates. The latter subject in itself might well fill a chapter. Even the ubiquitous Christmas card is not overlooked and some fresh and original designs are given.

The making of booklets is explained from the "dummy" up to the finished product. Letters used in reference to the crafts, such as work in wood, metal, clay, plaster, stone and textiles, are considered in one of the most fascinating chapters in the book, which concludes with a comprehensive and adequate article on linocut-block printing. The author thinks that this medium has many advantages over wood.

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Problems of the Present Day Russia

Russia and Peace

Anyone who wants to know about present-day conditions in Russia, and its not distant future, would be well advised to read Dr. Fridtjof Nansen's book, "Russia and Peace." Dr. Nansen, after more than two years' famine relief work, which took him to many different parts of Russia, is in a position to know where he speaks, and what he tells us should do much to dispel the clouds of misrepresentation and overstatement which have blotted out the true facts about the Russian situation from the view of the outside world.

Dr. Nansen tells his story with a remarkable air of detachment, even when speaking of matters which must have moved him deeply. Especially is this the case concerning his efforts to relieve Russia's need in 1919 (24 years before the great famine), when hunger and pestilence were carrying off hundreds of thousands of helpless peasants monthly. Yet all his efforts were frustrated by the active opposition of some of the Russian émigrés and the passive tyranny of governments. The "Russian political conference" delivered an official protest against his proposal, the Supreme Council gave it their blessing, but refused to allow the long-distance wireless stations to be used for transmission of the proposal to Russia. After a fortnight wasted in useless efforts, it was at length abandoned, from Berlin. The Soviet Government at once accepted the proposal, but refused to accept also the condition made by the Supreme Council, that hostilities in Russia must cease, though at the same time they offered to enter into negotiations with the associated governments, where they could be carried out in good faith. Dr. Nansen's project had to be abandoned.

Dr. Nansen describes the rejection of his proposal as "regrettable." It would be easy to use a harsher adjective. It is, anyhow, clear that it was not the Bolsheviks' fault, but the fault of the Russian political situation, which is to be held responsible for the economic collapse of Russia, as is still believed by many even at the present day; though, as Dr. Nansen shows, this did much to aggravate a state of affairs which was already desperate.

Some who read this book will lay it aside with the contemptuous comment that the writer is a Bolshevik. Dr. Nansen certainly goes further than most writers in making allowances for the present rulers of Russia, but it is not in any desire to condone their misdeeds. He merely sets out to show their point of view and to explain "without prejudice, passion or partiality," how the emergence of "Communism" in the extreme form was the natural result of the almost equally extreme reactionary Tsarism which had preceded it. He regards Bolshevism now or less as "a copy of Tsardom turned upside down," as a per-

fectly understandable swing of the pendulum from one form of tyranny to another.

Dr. Nansen makes a strong point of the fact that the Russian "communism" of 1923 bears little resemblance to the "communism" of 1917. Genuine full-blooded communism he tells us is now extremely rare in Russia, even amongst the industrial workers. It has scarcely ever been applied to the peasants, falling in every instance in which this was attempted.

The Russia of today, as Dr. Nansen conceives of it, is a state which has passed through the fire of hunger, disease, civil war and of a vast fantastic social experiment. Now it is slowly emerging, sadder yet wiser,

with a heritage of misery which she has only just begun to liquidate, yet with a substratum of hope pervading the great masses of the population. The great estates have been broken up, and, though nominally the land is now the property of the State, it is in the effective occupation of the peasants; more important still, work and not birth has become the criterion by which a man shall be judged.

If he is right (and no foreigner has a wider experience of present-day conditions in Russia than he), there is at least this much positive gain to be put to the credit of the Russian revolution against all the horrors and destruction which have hitherto been the features uppermost in the thoughts of people in western Europe and America.

Medieval University Life

The Rise of Universities

The Colver lecture-ship of Brown University provides that, "so far as possible, for these lectures, only subjects of particular importance and lecturers eminent in scholarship or of other marked qualifications shall be chosen." The lecturer last year was Professor Haskins of Harvard University, his subject "The Rise of Universities."

The book consists of three lectures—three vignettes of medieval university life, presented from different viewpoints. The first deals with the earliest university institutions, particularly those of Bologna and Paris; the second with the instruction given, the system of teaching, and the status and freedom of the professors; and the third with the medieval student.

Professor Haskins quotes a brother professor of history as saying that the greatest difficulty of historical teaching lay in convincing pupils that the events of the past did not all happen in the moon. The success of these lectures is largely due to the fact that they dispel this sense of isolation. They must have helped the hearers, to help the reader to sympathetic contact with that life of long ago. In vague, allusive, or sometimes with warm splashes of color, the lecturer conjures up the medieval university towns, the cobbled, winding streets, the aspiring cathedral towers, and the crowd of idle, gay, or studious youth that thronged its streets.

The lecture of the student has particularly this quality. Yet the method is simple—would that all professors and teachers could adopt it!—the use of original sources. We see the student as he is described by the preachers and poets of his day, as he is reflected in the manuals compiled for his use, and in the letters and verse

which have survived from the student body of that period. The students' literature as a whole is disappointingly lacking in individuality, but this very fact, as Professor Haskins points out, makes it of unique value to the historian. Manuals, letters, and poems are "the generalized experience of centuries of student life." As to the picture conveyed, it is perhaps a canvas for rejoicing, when the time appears none too bright, that it is no longer necessary to enact weighty statutes against "throwing stones in chapel," or the graded penalties at Leipzig for him who picks up a missile to throw at a professor, him who throws and misses, and him who accomplishes his fell purpose to the master's hurt!

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Mona Christie, on whose father's farm the camp is located, is the "woman of Knockaloe," the one woman allowed on the premises. Her only brother, an enlistee at the opening of hostilities, and she herself is so bitter against the enemy that her father, preacher as well as farmer, is sometimes moved to rebuke her. However, when his son falls in battle, the old man becomes as relentless as his daughter.

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William Cory: The Author of Ionica

Ionica

There was near Athens a town called Megara. The nearer they are the more do cities quarrel. The enmity between the Athenians and Megarians was for some years so great that, if any Megarian came across the frontier, he was put to death by the Athenians.

A few days after the war between these cities began, Socrates was sitting at night on the bank of the Ilissus, near the plane which used to give him shade by day. Hearing a noise he raised his head, breaking off his meditation. Then he saw a lad stretched before his feet, panting. He recognized a pupil called Apodemus of Megara. The lad said, "Oh, master, be quick; converse with me; tell me what you did not plainly tell when you talked with the others. The wisdom of your people is pursuing me; the laws of your people condemn me to death for daring to come hither. Teach me what you know about the soul of man."

Then did the master clear up that which he had left doubtful about the second life.

The moon broke through the clouds, and when the light was shed on the bank, Socrates saw Apodemus pleading his case with his hand, and blood flowing through his fingers. The watchmen came up too late.

This little anecdote, which has often been quoted on account of the classical purity of its outline, and the faultless reticence of its diction, comes from a school-book, called "Noces," which William Cory wrote for boys to translate into Latin prose. It is only one of the thousands of people that the old pedagogues scattered about his books, verses, letters and journals; and it is much to be hoped that before long some faithful disciple will gather all these jewels into one volume for the inspiration and entertainment of a wider public than the Eton microcosm of the last two generations. Meanwhile, the publication of a number of his letters in "Ionica," by Robert McBride, who was one of his favorite pupils, comes to remind us that Cory was born a hundred years ago and passed away in 1892, and that still nothing but half a dozen volumes of his own work and half a dozen essays and reviews about him, is left to mark the life of one of the outstanding figures of the Victorian era in England.

The author of "Ionica" that he is best known to the world. Some of his lyrics find their way into most anthologies—his "Mimnermus in Church," his "Amaturus," his "Heraclitus," his "Oh, earlier shall the rose-bud blow," his "Eton Boating Song," and his "Ballad for a Boy" are known wherever English is read. But it is in his letters and journals, privately printed for subscribers in 1897 and now one of the rarities of the auction-room, that the charm, vigor, pathos and serenity of his brilliant intellect and steady character are most fully seen: and from this mainly that the dozen greatest "bedside books" of literature might be compiled. His power of painting a landscape or of putting into words the successive impressions of a walk in the country or a visit to some famous place is wonderful in itself, but how much more wonderful does it appear when we find upon a passage like this: "Coming back by the moor by sunset, I saw, to my delight, a live bird perched on a wall; just in time to see my glasses. It was my companion, a ring ouzel, a blackbird with a water color: I hardly ever saw a bird before—it was a great pleasure."

"If there ever lived a man who made good use of the sight which was allowed him, and who loved nature and the faces of his fellow men, it was William Cory; and yet he peered into life through the strongest of spectacles, and carried a telescope in his pocket! Think of the pathos of this note: 'Once more I watched the little wren thinking into mere lameness like mother-of-pearl, the delicate thing that water ever did. . . . Truly I was that day avenged on my dull childhood: I saw so much better, with so many glasses and a mind so enlivened. The hours floated on, and I did not tire of looking at the glorious level and curve of the land and the infinite poetry of the sky, getting nearer toward sunset. Thirty years ago my mother may have seen it all.'

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William Cory's Secret The secret of William Cory is that he was romantic, although he called himself a sentimentalist. His attitude toward music, toward school-life and history and politics, was poetical in the sense of romantic; an anecdote about some great man which illumines his private affections, a chivalrous action, a beau geste, the sympathy of young folk, the patriotic nobility of naval heroes—these were the things which filled his heart to overflowing with pride and love of humanity. He was not strictly musical, but melodies had for him, as for all poets, a strong passion of memory. Memory was to him an emotion, not a sentiment. His thoughts moved among great deeds and he was essentially a hero-worshiper, but he loved to enter into the thoughts and characters of his neighbors, companions, fellow-passengers; his journals are full of the most delightful discoveries and commentaries, and it is easy to see that he had the effect on people of raising them to a height which, out of his presence, they rarely reached. Ordinary creatures were transformed into intelligent pupils, bright talkers, cheerful companions; and it was inevitable that he should sometimes have suffered the most bitter disillusionment. But with the ever widening circle of enthusiasm and tenderness which made his influence an inspiration to all who knew him, William Cory was one of those blessed men who are keenly aware of the shadows of life and yet never forget that the shadows are made by the sunlight.

When Waterhouse goes on to declare that "our one hope for art depends upon him"—that is, upon the Philistine, he means, depends "socially." It is hardly a delightful prospect. Art has been known to starve even in Europe. And it has been known to flourish in America. Mr. Waterhouse, who knows our Philistine so well, probably errs in imagining the foreign species to be any better than the native. True, he shows how conditions have conspired to make the "Boobus Americanus" a trifle less hopeful than his European brother; but brothers they are, and brothers will remain.

The essay on Mozart, Chopin, and Debussy reveals the author as a thorough musician. Every page of the book, moreover, attests his engaging unconventionality. Passage after passage cries for quotation. Mr. Waterhouse has produced, in a book which will most likely attract only too little attention, a volume far more significant to American criticism than the various operas of Messrs. Phelps, Sherman, et al. I. G.

Certain Unpleasant Truths Studies in the Romantic Chaos

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original approach, and Mr. Waterhouse's approach is surely original. . . . There are times, as in the brilliant "Short History of the Philistine," when, in his eagerness to prove his case, he overshoots the mark. These are rare, but because Mr. Waterhouse is so acute, so well informed, so determined not to be confused by false allegiances, they should be pointed out. Commenting upon the lack of good popular music in these United States, he contrasts the "Tristan" of Germany, the "Faust" of "Loulou" of France, the "Aida" of Italy, the folk songs of all Europe, with the jazz incubations of America—such master works as "For She's My Jazzeled Cutie," "Oh You Great Big Beautiful Doll," and so on, to cacophonous infinity. But is the parallel fair? When Mr. Waterhouse asks, whether, in American "popular" music, there is anything that can approximate "these masterpieces," he makes the highly questionable implication that, in France there is no cheap cabaret music, that in Germany the rift-riff sing only excerpts from Wagner, and that vulgar music is not known in Italy. So glibly a pursuit as photographic-record statistics might show, indeed, that in America, "Celeste Aida" is almost as popular as it is among the Italian youngsters. The climax of such argumentation is reached when Waterhouse says that there is "no German youth who doesn't know 'Tristan'." Even allowing for rhetorical exaggeration, the statement is on the further side of fact. "Tristan" is the deepest of "deep stars," a nation with a youth who really knew such an opera would be utterly devoid of Philistines.

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"Wilhelm Tell," pictured in 1915, is again on the screen—and, with great success. The work is in seven reels; the scenario is by Willy Rath. Great effort was made to have Tell's leap from the boat as dramatic as possible. It failed of its purpose, however, for the evident reason that the average film devotee knows now too well how such scenes are acted; that is, he knows too well how they are placed together. The folk scene on the Rütli, the apple shot, and the refusal to do homage to the empty hat—these were all tremendously effective.

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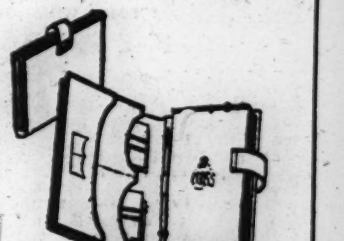
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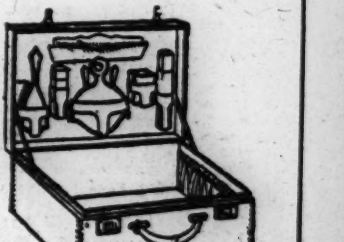
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WOOL SURPLUS IS MUCH LOWER AND PRICE TREND UP

Difference of Opinion as to Outlook—World Flocks of Sheep Decline

The world's wool markets approach the holiday season with prices ruling very strong and the tendency of values still upward.

Everywhere one turns, wool is in the van, and it is commonly asserted that the nearer one gets to the back of the sheep, the stronger values become, while, conversely, the farther one gets from the raw material, the less encouragement is found for the dealer.

The latter assertion is less true abroad, probably, than in the United States, at the moment, where an over-production of goods has resulted in more or less indifference on the part of buyers of cloth.

Just now, there is not a little conjecture concerning the probable trend of the goods market when the next heavyweight season opens in January. President William M. Wood of the American Woolen Company, the leading producer of wool goods in the country, has declared himself as very optimistic over the outlook, but there are others who frankly do not expect a heavy volume of business during the next season, asserting that the market has not been able to absorb fully the quantity of cloth which has been produced in this country in the last year.

Wool Surplus Decreasing
The tremendous glut of wool, which congested the markets of the world immediately following the war, causing prices to slump to very low levels on certain descriptions, has now been absorbed, or nearly so, the British-Australian Wool Realization Association states of surplus war wools having been reduced on Dec. 1 last to \$27,000 bales. With continuance of the present rate of demand, this stock should be nearly gone by the end of the March sale in London.

While a tremendous consumption has been drawing upon these supplies of surplus stocks, the current production has also been reduced. Meanwhile, the growers have been forced to slaughter and even abandon large flocks of sheep, so that present world flocks of sheep are very much reduced and far from capable of producing the wool which the consumptive needs of the world really call for.

Some recognition of this fact on the part of domestic wool growers seems to be indicated in the figures published by the Government on sheep slaughter, for the indicated "take-off" of pulled wool, under Government inspection, this year, judging from the figures published for October, will not exceed \$5,000,000 pounds, compared with a normal average of about 40,000,000 pounds. The average quantity of wool pulled per sheep being about 3½ pounds.

Better Wools in Demand
London, in the final week of the last series of the year, is especially strong when good quality wools are closing, although with a rather unattractive offering on Monday, prices were more or less irregular. Yesterday, however, there was a good offering and prices were very firm again, and fully on a parity with the top prices of the series, good 60-70s Geelong warp wools costing the equivalent of \$1.34, clean landed basis, London in bond.

America has been buying wools of this type more freely in London lately and especially the new wools, which have been offered at this series.

The pre-holiday sales are closing very strong in Australia, this week. Melbourne closed yesterday with prices very firm for all descriptions with England showing keen interest, while Sydney has been fully maintained, with buyers operating more or less freely from all quarters.

There have been offered in Australia this far this season some \$60,000 bales, or about one-half of the current season's clip. It has been decided by the selling brokers to restrict the size of the offerings of the post-holiday series and so the sales will close until the end of March in the Commonwealth. Sydney will offer 100,000 bales of wool in the four weeks from Jan. 7 to 30.

Foreign Prices Hold Well
At the sales in New Zealand this last week, prices have been well maintained. In fact, the sale in Christchurch last week showed an advance of ½ penny to three farthings generally over the sale held at Wellington previously. At the Timaru sale Monday, the selection was only ordinary and prices were merely steady. America has been buying steadily in New Zealand this season.

Purchases for this country in South America this far this season have been limited, some estimates placing the quantity as low as 10,000 bales, a mere bagatelle compared with America's usual purchases there. Europe, however, has supplied the deficiency of American buyers and prices have risen quite steadily. The demand has been so keen in Buenos Aires that the crossbred season is expected to be over there in another month.

Recent offerings of Montevideo wools, good and freckled in bond, Boston, have been made as follows: 60s, 53 cents; 65s, 51 cents; 68s, 49 cents; 70s, 44 cents, these being wools of average

GOOD RECOVERY OF BAROMETER STOCKS

The price level of 20 industrial issues on the New York Stock Exchange, serving as "barometer stocks," reached the bottom of a 20-point decline this year on Oct. 27 at 85.76. The high point was registered March 20 at 105.33. There has been a 50 per cent recovery in the industrial list since October, so that on Monday last the average had risen to 85.35.

It is interesting to note that 27 well-known stocks classified as either manufacturing or public utility shares have registered their 1923 highs on this recovery movement. Prominent among these have been the following:

Am Can 105 1/2
Am T & T 123 1/2
Davison Chem 115 1/2
Gen Elec 102 1/2
Nat Biscuit 62 1/2

Five rails have also scored their 1923 highs on this recovery period: Baltimore & Ohio 60 1/2, Erie 22 1/2, Southern Railway 35 1/2, Wabash A 30 1/2, Wisconsin Central 35 1/2.

In the advance since the October lows Corn Products, Davison Chemical and General Electric have been the star performers, their shares recording maximum market gains of 33 1/2, 34 1/2 and 25 1/2, respectively.

Price advances in various groups of stocks follow:

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American Can	105 1/2	14 1/2
Am T & T	123 1/2	14 1/2
Baldwin	113 1/2	12 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	48 1/2	8 1/2
Corn Products	115 1/2	24 1/2
Davison Chem	115 1/2	24 1/2
Famous Players	55 1/2	12 1/2
Gen Electric	102 1/2	12 1/2
McKesson	70 1/2	10 1/2
Republic I & St	48 1/2	7 1/2
Reading	73 1/2	4 1/2
U S C I Pipe	85 1/2	2 1/2
U S Steel	88 1/2	9 1/2

RAILROADS	Close	Ad.
Baltimore & Ohio	60 1/2	2 1/2
Erie	22 1/2	1 1/2
Great Northern	113 1/2	8 1/2
N Y Cent	99 1/2	10 1/2
N Y N H & H	11 1/2	2 1/2
Southern Railway	35 1/2	4 1/2
Reading	73 1/2	4 1/2
Wabash A	30 1/2	4 1/2

COPPERS	Close	Ad.
Anaconda	22 1/2	4 1/2
Marquette	18 1/2	2 1/2
Chile	23 1/2	2 1/2
Insulation	23 1/2	2 1/2
Interoceanic	23 1/2	2 1/2
Utah	23 1/2	2 1/2

FUTURE BUYING OF STEEL MORE ACTIVE

The Iron Trade Review says: Future buying of steel has gone forward this week. The number of consumers becoming interested in their requirements for the first quarter of 1924 is increasing constantly, with a fair proportion of these negotiations being placed under contract. The gratifying aspect of this business from the mills' standpoint is the increased amount of tonnage called for by individual buyers, indicating that heavy consumption is anticipated.

The Iron Trade Review weekly composite of 1 iron and steel products dropped to \$43.

Producers feel more sanguine over their ability to maintain present operations through the first quarter. Tin plate mills of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company this week are running at the highest point of the year. Some of the largest automobile builders of the country have been buying and heavy tonnages are involved in contracts written this week. The Ford Motor Company distributed among several mills 30,000 tons of highly finished sheets.

TRADE ISSUES IN UNITED KINGDOM SHOW DECLINE

Total in First 11 Months of 1923 £101,100,000 — Colonial Borrowings Increase

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Special Correspondence)—Capital issues in the United Kingdom have fallen off heavily so far this year as compared with 1922, the reduction being largely attributable to decreased borrowing for governmental purposes.

There has been a decline as well in the amount of new capital raised for trade and industry, but a fall for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 to £101,100,000, from approximately £131,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1922, a small in comparison with the fall in government borrowings from £432,500,000 to £177,750,000.

Trade Issues Decline
While, in the post-war years, the public had subscribed from three to fourteen times the average amount raised in the years 1910-13 for state purposes, trade issues latterly, despite the decreased purchasing power of the pound, have fallen below the pre-war average. In the 1910-13 period, trade issues averaged £162,000,000, compared with £82,600,000 in 1921, £125,700,000 in 1922, and £101,100,000 in the first 11 months of 1923. It is unlikely that the current month will bring the total up to last year's level.

More money, however, has been raised for the colonies and dominions of the British Empire in the first 11 months of this year than in any full year since the war broke out, with the exception of 1921. To Dec. 31, 1923, colonial issues totaled £40,100,000, compared with £79,100,000 in 1922, £53,800,000 in 1921 and £48,500,000 in 1920.

Money Spent in England
The raising of loans here by the various states of the Empire—except Laborer's Queensland—is looked on with particular favor in London. In most cases the money, borrowed for development or settlement purposes, is largely spent in England, and in any case opens up or extends the market for English goods in Greater Britain.

The breadth of the home country's appeal as the money market of the British Empire is shown by the range of borrowers who have come seeking her financial aid since the last half-year. The list includes the South African, Australian Commonwealth, Nigerian, South Australian, Tanganyika, Victorian, Newfoundland, and Kasim-bazar governments; municipalities in Burma and New Zealand, and important enterprises in all four dominions, as well as India and East Africa.

MORTGAGE BANK TO OPEN IN TEL-AVIV

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (Special)—A municipal mortgage bank will be opened shortly in Tel-Aviv, with a capital of £250,000. The municipality will put up toward this a quarter of the total. An agricultural bank, to be called the "Bank Benyamim," will also be opened shortly at Jaffa with a share capital of £20,000. The initiative in founding the bank was taken by Capt. Alexander Aronson and Mrs. Fels.

The bank will grant agricultural loans to the settlers in the Negev and the ground. The statutes of the bank are being submitted immediately for the Government's approval.

S. S. KRESGE EARNINGS

S. S. Kresge Company for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 1923, reports net income of \$2,367,115 after tax, equal after preferred dividends to \$2,141,434, a share on \$24,510,000 common outstanding on the above date. Income account follows: Profit before taxes, \$6,115,115; less: \$70,000, net income, \$6,045,115; preferred dividends, \$106,000, surplus, \$5,939,115.

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HUGE LOCOMOTIVE BUSINESS FOR 1923

American Locomotive will do a gross business this year of between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000, compared with \$29,122,113 in 1922. Net profits for the stock are estimated around \$13,000,000, compared with \$1,100,479 last year.

After the payment of 7 per cent dividends on \$25,000,000 preferred, the balance for the common will be around \$11,250,000, or \$22.50 a share, on 500,000 shares, of no par, common.

A high rate of operations was maintained through the year, but after Jan. 1 operations will be gradually decreased.

Railroads, which have been practically out of the market for motive power for months, are again "feeling out" the market, and it is confidently expected there will be a substantial volume of business placed early in the year.

"MONON" EARNINGS SHOW GOOD GAIN

Expected to Earn \$10 a Share on Common Compared With \$4.72 in 1922

Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway is expected to earn \$10 a share this year on the outstanding \$10,497,000 (\$100-par) common stock after preferred dividends requirements of \$199,652. This would compare with \$4.72 a share earned on the common stock in 1922. Last year, there was available for common dividends \$495,116, compared with actual requirements of \$491,135.

In the first 10 months of the current year, "Monon" showed net operating income of \$1,732,841, compared with \$1,492,000 in the corresponding period of 1922. Gross for the period amounted to \$15,081,308, as compared with \$12,111,981 in the 10 months of the previous year.

Total expenses for the period, \$10,511,512, were about \$22,000 greater than in the 1922 period, but this is accounted for primarily through increases in maintenance of equipment and transportation expenses.

Freight revenue for the 10 months was \$1,557,561 greater than that of the 10 months of 1922, although passenger revenue showed only slight gain. The current year will be the largest in the history of the road. Last year operating revenues totaled approximately \$18,000,000, and although an increase of only 5.73 per cent over 1921, established a record for the road. This was done, notwithstanding the fact that on July 1, 1922, rate reductions on certain commodities were made. "Monon" originated at 62 per cent of its revenue tonnage.

At the close of 1922, the total funded debt of Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, outstanding amounts, excluding bonds held in the treasury, was \$24,285,540, while interest accrued during the year was \$1,107,258. There was available for the interest \$1,392,057 last year, which meant that the road's interest was earned 1.53 times. The interest was not earned in the three years previous to 1921.

While dividends of 4 per cent have been paid regularly on the preferred stock, the common disbursements have been subject to fluctuation.

BOSTON & MAINE FINANCING
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The Boston & Maine was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds, to be turned over to the Secretary of the Treasury as collateral for a Government loan recently granted.

NEW HIGH RECORD FOR LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY PROFITS

Gross Sales of Baldwin This Year Will Approximate \$102,000,000

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19—Baldwin Locomotive Works will break all records this year, in both gross sales and net profits from strictly locomotive business.

Gross sales will approximate \$102,000,000, the largest in the history of the company from locomotive business alone, and exceeded only by the year of 1918, when munition and other war work swelled the total to \$123,173,251.

The company will show earnings of more than \$40 a share on its common, by far the best showing in the post-war period, and final figures may set a new high record for all time, including even war years.

Gross sales of \$102,000,000, compare with \$83,087,258 in 1922, and net profit available for dividends will be better than \$9,500,000. Deducting the dividend of \$1,400,000 for the preferred will leave a balance available for the common stock of upward of \$8,100,000, equivalent to \$40.90 a share.

The Consolidated balance sheet of Baldwin and the subsidiary, Standard Steel Works, on Dec. 31, 1923, indicated a book value of 1923 common of \$24 a share. After payment of the 7 per cent dividend on the \$20,000,000 common, amounting to \$1,400,000, there will be a balance to be carried forward to surplus account of rising \$8,700,000, equivalent to \$33.50 a share on the common, which will bring the book value of the common at the close of this year to more than \$257.50.

A resume of operations for 1923 shows that the largest monthly shipments were made in October at \$10,500,000 and the smallest in January at \$6,007,000. In 1922 the high point in shipments was in December with \$6,000,000, and the low point was during the summer with \$1,500,000.

The plant began 1923, operating at 75 per cent, and by summer this was increased to 100 per cent to meet the urgent demand of the railroads for deliveries. The plant continued to operate around maximum all through the second half of the year, although a reduction in the number of employees was begun in November, due to a sharp falling off in new business.

The maximum number of workers employed during the year was 21,500, and the lowest number up to the present 14,000, being the current force. In 1922 the high point in workers was in December with 16,000, and the low point in that year was January, with 4581.

Madrid press reports the suspension of payments by Banco de Castilla of Madrid.

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Soft, downy and flexible, a comfort you will enjoy.

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CUSTOMS RULINGS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Special)—In a decision of vital concern to every importer and dealer of clocks and parts thereof throughout the United States, the Board of General Appraisers finds that clocks and parts thereof must be marked or branded under the provisions of paragraph 368 of the Tariff Act of 1922 before being permitted entry into the country.

Clocks or parts thereof not so marked cannot be delivered to importers, the customs board ruled in a lengthy opinion by Judge Adamson. This decision overrules a protest of the Holtznerman Chicago Store Company of Minneapolis against the collector's action in refusing to deliver a shipment of clocks not marked in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 368. The importers contended that, although not properly marked, section 304 (a) of the 1921 law permits an importer to pay additional duty of 10 per cent and take delivery of his merchandise. This is denied by Judge Adamson, who points out that paragraph 368, providing duties on clocks and parts thereof, and conditions of their importation, is a special provision and the subjects thereof are not controlled by the general provision in Section 304 (a).

ERIE NOVEMBER NET IS SMALLER

According to President F. D. Underwood, the Erie Railroad gross earnings for the current year will approximate \$125,000,000. Gross revenue for 1922 was \$106,574,103. November gross, showing the customary seasonal decline from the October peak, is expected to approximate \$10,600,000, a decrease of about \$280,000 from November, 1922.

Gross revenue of the Erie for the first 11 months will total about \$122,559,309, compared with \$105,804,149 for the corresponding period last year. The outstanding feature has been the ability of road to carry such huge increases in tonnage as to produce about 40 per cent more revenue last year, and at the same time reduce operating ratio and in some cases even decrease expenses.

Net operating income for last month was somewhat disappointing, preliminary estimates placing it at less than \$200,000, compared with \$277,157 in November, 1922. However, for the 11 months net operating income should approximate \$1,740,000, as contrasted with net of only \$106,253 for the like period of 1922.

COTTON SEED REPORT
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The Census Bureau places the production of linters from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30 at 312,685 300-pound bales.

PALESTINE'S TRADE BALANCE IMPROVES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30 (Special Correspondence)—Though for the month of September the foreign trade of Palestine showed a falling off, the balance of trade for the whole period of the first nine months of the year has improved by £712,000.

In the period January-September, 1923, the imports amounted to £3,545,000, as compared with £4,067,000 for the corresponding period in 1922, a decrease of £522,000; exports amounted to £2,833,000, as compared with £2,931,000 in 1922, an increase of £108,000; re-exports amounted to £197,000, compared with £132,000 in 1922, an increase of £65,000.

HURLEY MACHINE PROFITS
Net income of the Hurley Machine Company for 11 months ended Nov. 30 totaled \$88,804, an increase of \$33,210 over the 1922 period.

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Beautiful nickel finish economical to operate.

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Weight 6½ pounds, heating element guaranteed for three years.

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Polished nickel, heat-proof handles, very handsome.

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Will cook a meal for three right at the table, broils, fries, stews and toasts.

STOCK MARKET GENERAL TONE IS UNSETTLED

Selling Pressure Still in Evidence Although Sharp Rallies Occur

Selling pressure was again in evidence at the opening of today's New York stock market, and the general list displayed a somewhat reactionary tone. Offerings were fairly well absorbed, however, the initial reactions being limited largely to small fractions. Sporadic buying also took place in various sections of the list. Corn products rising a point and a number of the western rails, including Union Pacific, improving fractionally.

Narrow and irregular price movements characterized the early dealings with the main trend still downward. Stomberg Carburetor, American Agricultural Chemical, preferred and Shell Petroleum preferred and Pierce Arrow preferred 1/4 each, and Northern Pacific 1/4.

Cuyamaca Fruit advanced 3/4 to a new 1923 high. National Lead jumped 1/4 and Peoples Gas 1. Other changes were largely fractional.

Foreign exchanges opened steady.

Buying of Sugar Shares

Bullish demonstrations in a number of special stocks helped to bring the reaction in other parts of the list, reactionary tendencies prevailing throughout the morning.

Buying of the sugar shares, however, tended to stem the list just before noon. National Lead jumped 6 points and Davidson Chemical, Standard Oil of California and May Department Stores each moved up 2 points or more, the last named at a new 1923 high.

Selling was most effective in the steel, equipment, motor, and low-priced oil shares, although several weak spots also cropped out in the railroad list. Illinois Central falling 1/4 to 100, a new low for the year.

New lows also were established by Omaha and St. Paul preferred. Pierce Arrow prior preferred dropped 4 points. Call money opened at 4 1/2 per cent.

The upward movement assumed a faster pace in the early afternoon, when several of the leaders like Baldwin and Studebaker rose to a point or more above yesterday's final figures. Several of the oil shares were quite strong, and National Lead rose to 100 points, touching 136 1/2, a new high figure for the year.

Bonds Are Easier

St. Paul Railroad mortgages again were offered freely in the early bond trading today, several moving to lower ground. Chicago, Toronto and Southern Eastern 5s advanced 1/4 points. Some interest was displayed in the sugar and steel company bonds but a relatively large list of industrial loans recorded recessions.

Uncertainty over congressional action on tax reduction and the bonus unsettled Liberty Bonds somewhat, several issues falling lower. However, reported the market for new securities was continuing good, books being closed on an offering of \$2,750,000 Superior Steel Corporation first mortgage 6s.

MONEY MARKET

Current quotations follow:

Call money	100 days	100 days	100 days
Outside com. paper	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Term money	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Customers' com. paper	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Indiv. cus. com. pns	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

Today's money market was quiet, with a few transactions in call money and term money. The rate for call money was 4 1/2 per cent, and for term money 4 1/2 per cent. Customers' commercial paper was quoted at 4 1/2 per cent, and individual commercial paper at 4 1/2 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Quotations to 2:30 p. m.	Open	High	Low	Close
Admiral	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4
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BOSTON STOCKS

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NEW YORK CUB

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Petroleum stocks were generally under pressure in the early trading, with a marked improvement later. Penn Fuel was exceptionally strong and Mexican Panuco was also in demand. Illinois Pipe Line was another strong feature, making a substantial gain. The decline that occurred in some stocks was regarded as natural following the advances that have been made in previous trading.

Mining stocks were more active. Nipissing was traded in at around its recent high level and there was continued buying of St. Croix Mines. A number of other stocks in the mining group also showed gains.

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NEW YORK BONDS

High	Low	Close
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100 Cent C Pipe	12 1/2	12 1/2
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STANDARD OILS

SILK AND GINGHAM GOODS IN CHICAGO IN CHIEF DEMAND

White Goods Trade Also Getting
Increased Attention—Record
Demand for Silks

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (Special)—High-priced cotton has directed a great deal of attention to the domestics and to the better grades of sheets, pillow-cases, and all mistins. Merchants showed a little disposition to buy that wholesale buyers were anxious concerning the situation. Their patience, however, has been rewarded, though recent bills have shown that merchants have no idea of plunging or speculating but, instead, are caring for their needs in the same way and meeting the better cottons.

The last 10 days have shown greater wholesale activity in this division than in the last two months. If the holiday business keeps up, there will be a big volume of white-goods business written in January.

Good Gingham Trade
The gingham situation is also of unusual interest, and those houses having full lines of assorted patterns and some-thing out of the usual run are doing a business that is a pleasant surprise for this time of year, when merchant and buyer attention is directed toward holiday merchandise. Merchants who have held off buying gingham have been in the market ordering a case at a time (300 pieces), and many more merchants have ordered half cases.

It is a common opinion that the women have had a good trial at all the summer fabrics, and have tired of them, so that the new gingham is a welcome change.

This merchandise is offered to the merchant at less than the wholesale price, but it is not so close as the merchant marking some of his merchandise that it is below the cost of replacement. No man ventures an opinion of the future with cotton still soaring, but all of the jobbers do assert that early buying is necessary, if good quality is to be obtained. In fact, certain desirable numbers are even now exhausted and the mills have withdrawn them from sale.

Advantages of Silk
With so much attention directed toward cotton, the silk situation has been overlooked. However, the silk jobbers are not anxious, because they say: "There has never been a time when high cotton prices did not deflect big business to silk." One of the leading wholesale buyers, just back from a trip abroad, where he studied conditions, says that silk is absolutely low priced. "If cotton were to rise to \$1.00 a pound, silk would be cheap. There is, in normal times, a difference in price between cotton and silk that is about 40 times greater for silk. Figuring on the basis of 15-cent cotton, silk ought to be priced \$14 instead of the \$3.50 or \$3.75 which it is. Therefore no matter how high the cotton goes it will be less expensive to buy good silk."

With women wearing such quantities of silk and in such desirable weaves and weights that it is but a few minutes' work to do the laundry on them, it would almost seem as if the silk business would be greatly increased on this one point at least. Under these conditions it is not surprising that silk departments are reverting to their customers in separate advertisements and finding it most profitable.

Big Silk Business
This holiday season has seen a bigger silk business written than possibly in the history of State Street. While there are many satin-faced fabrics sold, as well as the usual crepe and tulle, which are recognized as a holiday item, there has been an astonishing increase in the sale of lingerie silk.

Bales of this kind are usual about Easter but the increased demand for silken undergarments only bears out the opinion of the wholesale buyers that women will quickly recognize that it is the most economical purchase after all, considering wear and laundry. Silk departments also took an early advantage of the cotton market and in the last two weeks have been preparing their departments for the semi-annual inventory period by offering all broken pieces and short pieces at low prices. Sales similar to this have been held before in holiday time in an attempt to stimulate interest in these sections, but without a great deal of success. This year buyers expect that December will be one of the best months of the year.

NEW JERSEY LIGHT EARNINGS INCREASE

The New Jersey Power & Light Company reports for the year ended Oct. 31, last, gross earnings, including other income, of \$948,300, as compared with \$704,095 in the calendar year of 1922.

Net earnings for the 12 months amounted to \$376,424, as compared with \$376,489 in 1922. The annual interest on the present outstanding first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds requires \$297,500, so that for the year ended Oct. 31, 1923, this interest was earned 3.66 times.

OCTOBER RAILWAY EARNINGS LARGER

Total net operating income of 179 Class 1 railroads during October was \$102,923,981, an increase of \$17,706,632 over October, 1922.

THOMAS G. PLANT STOCK DECLINES

Selling at 76, Thomas G. Plant Company first preferred stock established a new 1923 low Tuesday. The company should complete this year with the best results in four years. After showing heavy deficits in both 1920 and 1921, in 1922 dividends on the \$2,443,800 of first preferred stock were covered with a margin of \$23,372.

For the last six months shipments at the Jamaica Plain factory have averaged better than 10,000 pairs of shoes each day. Current production is over that rate, despite the fact the shoe trade is just emerging from "between seasons."

Forward orders are coming in steadily and Plant already has fair bookings for spring patterns.

The Plant Company is steadily bettering its financial position. Although current figures are not yet available, they will probably show a further improvement over the condition at the close of 1922 when net working capital stood at \$2,330,423. In addition to the first preferred, Plant also has \$3,500,000 of second preferred and 100,000 no-par common shares outstanding.

DIVIDENDS

Commonwealth-Atlantic National Bank declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share, payable Jan. 1 to stock of record Dec. 27.

People's Gas Company declared a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent quarterly. The rate was 1 1/2 per cent quarterly. The dividend is payable Jan. 17 to stock of record Jan. 1.

Will & Baumer declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 15.

American Exchange National Bank, New York, declared a quarterly dividend of 4 per cent, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 26.

In previous quarters distributions of 3 1/2 per cent were made. The United States Trust Company, Boston, Mass., has declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent and an annual dividend of 6 per cent, payable Jan. 2, 1924, to stock of record Dec. 15.

Farrington Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Union Bank, Boston, declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, payable Jan. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Ohio Fuel Supply declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable Jan. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

W. B. Biss Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common, \$1 on the first preferred, and 15 cents on the second preferred B stocks, all payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 20.

Sugar Estates of Ontario declared the regular quarterly 2 per cent preferred dividend, payable Feb. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Magnolia Petroleum declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Menominee Spinning Company of Lawrence declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Lockwood, Greene & Co. have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

Directors of the Hurley Machine Company declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 9.

Previous 75 cents quarterly was paid. In addition an extra dividend of \$1 was declared on the common, payable in common stock at the rate of \$40 a share on Jan. 14 to stock of record Dec. 29.

American Brick Company has declared 15 cents on the second preferred B stocks, all payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 20.

Intertec Corporation declared an extra dividend of 25 cents and the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

The regular quarterly 2 per cent first preferred dividend and the regular semi-annual 3 per cent second preferred dividend were also declared, both payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 15.

William Whitman Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 1 to stock of record Dec. 15.

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BRITISH COTTON TRADE AGAINST SPECULATION

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 19.—The joint committee of masters and cotton operatives appointed to discuss the situation brought on by extensive speculation on the Liverpool market came to the unanimous conclusion. It was learned that an improvement in the critical condition of the industry could be attained by stopping speculation. It is estimated that the operations of gamblers have taken 250,000,000 from the cotton trade.

The meeting also was of the opinion that an increase in cotton production in the British Empire was essential to the salvation of the industry, and members of the conference therefore strongly urged greater practical support by the Government. It was contended that if ample British supplies of cotton were forthcoming, such gambling as has recently hampered the trade would be impossible. Greater production of Empire cotton would also prevent what was described as maneuvering in America to force up prices.

LONDON MARKET MORE CHEERFUL

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The markets on the stock exchange today were strong in spots, with sentiment cheerful. They appear to be stabilized around present levels, as investors have become reassured over the political outlook.

There was a good demand for Kaffir with price bending on better dividend news. Industrials moved up somewhat sharply.

Gill-edged securities were stronger. Foreign loans were quiet. South American rails were irregular.

AUSTRIA REPORTS FURTHER PROGRESS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—According to information received from the League of Nations' Commissioner-General in Vienna, the figures for October show a further increase of 31,000,000 paper crowns in banks and savings banks deposits, which amounted to 460,000,000 paper crowns at the end of the month, as compared to 31,000,000 in September, 1922, when the League took charge.

The number of unemployed in receipt of state assistance has fallen from 167,437 in February to 128,956 at the end of September, to 75,842 at the end of October.

FOREIGN SECURITIES

Quoted by the First National Corporation, Boston, Mass.

Issue	Maturity	Unit	Bid	Asked	Yield
Argentine Cedula	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1897-1900	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1901-1904	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1905-1908	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1909-1912	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1913-1916	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1917-1920	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1921-1924	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1925-1928	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1929-1932	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1933-1936	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1937-1940	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1941-1944	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1945-1948	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1949-1952	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1953-1956	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1957-1960	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1961-1964	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1965-1968	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1969-1972	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1973-1976	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1977-1980	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1981-1984	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1985-1988	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1989-1992	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1993-1996	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 1997-2000	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2001-2004	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2005-2008	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2009-2012	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2013-2016	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2017-2020	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2021-2024	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2025-2028	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2029-2032	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2033-2036	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2037-2040	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2041-2044	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2045-2048	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2049-2052	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2053-2056	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2057-2060	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2061-2064	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2065-2068	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2069-2072	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2073-2076	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2077-2080	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2081-2084	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2085-2088	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2089-2092	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2093-2096	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2097-2100	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2101-2104	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2105-2108	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2109-2112	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2113-2116	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
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Argentine Gov. Loans 2121-2124	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
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Argentine Gov. Loans 2129-2132	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
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Argentine Gov. Loans 2185-2188	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2189-2192	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2193-2196	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2197-2200	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2201-2204	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
Argentine Gov. Loans 2205-2208	1925-26	\$250	100 1/2	101 1/2	6.25
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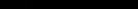
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Claudia Muzio as Monna Vanna
With the Chicago Civic Opera

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Chicago, Dec. 17. The Chicago Civic Opera Company presented Frier's "Monna Vanna" for the first time this season on Dec. 11. The title role of the work, which in previous seasons always has been the property of Miss Mary Garden, was sung on this occasion by Claudia Muzio. While this artist sang Frier's music with considerably more vocal charm than her predecessor had been able to accomplish, it cannot be said that as a characterization her Vanna was as striking as Miss Garden's. Fernand Anseau sang the music of Prinsivalle with considerable beauty of tone, but his conception of the role lacked the heroic and noble qualities which had been given to Prinsivalle by Mr. Mura-

tor. The remainder of the cast was that which had sung the opera in previous seasons. Mr. Polacco, who conducted, gave a delectable presentation of the score.

Mme. Galli-Curci made another appearance the following evening (Dec. 12), as Violetta in "La Traviata." She sang Verdi's tuneful measures with her customary skill and made an appealing figure of the hapless lover of Alfredo. Mr. Schipa had been elected to interpret the latter character and did well with it.

"Otello" was given Dec. 13 with Miss Raisa in the part of Desdemona and with Charles Marshall as the Moor. It is difficult to bring to one's memory an occasion in which Miss Raisa has sung with so much subtlety and so much delicacy of vocal art. Vocalism such as hers in Verdi's eloquent creation is worth more than a perfunctory word of praise. Mr. Marshall made his reputation in "Otello" and, it would seem, he is still able to sustain it in his part. Giacomo Rimini was Iago and, so far as characterization was concerned, an effective one; but the singer's inability to steady his tone detracted greatly from the worth of his artistic striving.

At the matinee Saturday (Dec. 15) a triple bill was presented: Theodore Stearns' short opera, "Snow Bird," Paer's "Maestro di Cappella," and "Cavalleria Rusticana." Mr. Stearns' composition was fully reviewed in these columns when it was presented for the first time last season. "Snow Bird" has engaging qualities and they are most engaging when the composer refrains from stifling a natural feeling for melodic inspiration with the short phrases and twisted harmony that pass for modern expression in art. Miss Maxwell sang prettily as the heroine and Mr. Lamont made the part of the Hermit appealing to the ear. This opera, as well as Paer's work that followed it, was conducted by Isaac Van Grove, who disclosed marked gifts for operatic direction.

Fourth Mahler Symphony
Performed at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17 (Special Correspondence)—The sixth program of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, given Dec. 13 and 14, follows:

Mahler.....Symphony No. 4 in G Major
Wagner.....Overture to "Tannhäuser"
Tschalkowsky....."Capriccio Italien," Op. 45

The fourth symphony of Gustav Mahler, which was new to St. Louis, was received with surprising enthusiasm. Indeed, after the first movement, there was so much applause that Mr. Ganz, conductor of the orchestra, addressed the audience, expressing gratification that the work was being received with such genuine appreciation of its worth. He spoke at length of Mahler's sincerity and the spiritual meaning of the work. At the conclusion of the symphony, Mr. Ganz, Helen Traubel Carpenter, soprano, and the men themselves were given the tribute of extended applause, which conveyed also homage to the composer.

Mr. Ganz conducted with penetra-

tion and the gift of revelation. The orchestra has never played better. Helen Traubel Carpenter sang the finale of the symphony with a lovely quality. It was, however, later in the evening, in the "Tannhäuser" aria, that she rose to superb dramatic heights. She is a St. Louisan, and Mr. Ganz deserves praise for introducing her exceptional talents to the public.

Carl Flesch Soloist With
Philadelphia Orchestra

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 (Special Correspondence)—The week-end program of the Philadelphia Orchestra had Carl Flesch for soloist in the Beethoven violin concerto. The wholly suitable and ingratiating preface was of Mozart's imperishable genius—the "Furor" overture, with its iridescent levity and filigree delicacy, and then the G-minor Symphony, which no attributes of modern censorship can deprive of its warm place in the affections of musical humanity. Dr. Stokowski gave a smooth and swift elasticity to his reading, but never permitted the rapid perpetuity of motion to dull the keen edge of his accents or blur the clear articulation.

Carl Flesch, who last was heard with our orchestra about 10 years ago, revealed his mastery of things more important than fingering and bowing, as he played the soul-revealing Beethoven concerto. Here is a sincere, true artist if ever there was one. In the first movement, before the half-way point was reached he forgot, and the orchestral proceedings were halted, while he glanced at the score on the leader's desk. Then the playing was resumed with the least possible confusion and delay. The interpretation was scarcely marred by the incident, and the applause at the close of the movement was unusually hearty, as if to express the understanding sympathy of the audience.

In the slow movement especially, Mr. Flesch revealed a tone so rich and pure and clear that it is almost without a rival. It was so translucent that it seemed to come as close to the absolute voice of the violin as it could come. There was not the cold, inhuman perfection of sheer mechanical accuracy, but there was an outflow of sound deliberate, assured and nobly dignified that gave one to hear Beethoven's melodic intention without any disturbing sense of the apparatus that produced the sound.

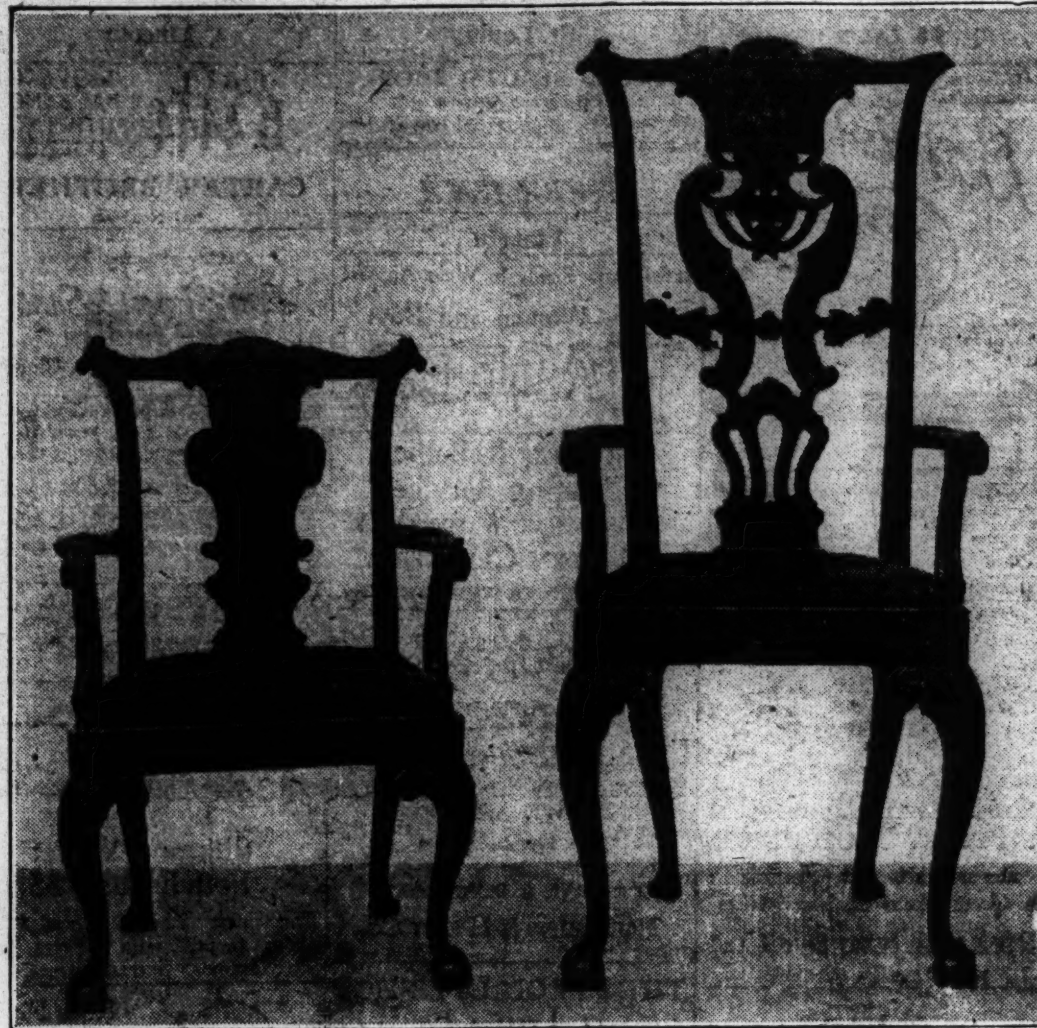
In last place came the Vorspiel and Liebestod from "Tristan and Isolde," given with abounding passion and fervor, and disclosing the power of divination which Stokowski is fitted by temperament and inclination to bestow upon Wagner's music in particular.

Ballet by Bakst Given
at the Paris Opéra

PARIS, Dec. 5 (Special Correspondence)—"La Nuit Enscorcelée," the new ballet given at the Opéra, was a double delight for eyes and ears; one of the most complete successes of M. Jacques Rouché, who found a new occasion of giving vivacity, color, gaiety, to a stage almost exclusively destined to solemnity.

"La Nuit Enscorcelée" is by M. Léon Bakst who, known as a creator of sumptuous costumes and décors, revealed himself a poet. His scenario is witty and ingenious; chimerical conceptions are mixed with simple, familiar things. The action is puerile and magical like a Hoffmann tale.

In a Second Empire dwelling two girls after playing with their dolls go to bed and fall asleep. The Fairy of Toys gives life to all the marionettes and dolls of all countries, who dance the dances of their native lands. The violinist Paganini arrives in green clad, marching with stiff gestures like an automaton, he plays tricks on all the unchained puppets. They take refuge in the big hall and begin to dance wildly. Paganini pursues them, provokes disputes and dances a frantic



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dance. But now all are in revolt and they break Paganini into bits. The Fairy reappears and order is restored.

To illustrate musically this tale M. Emile Vuillermoz selected Chopin études and preludes. His selections closely adhered to the action. The orchestration was by M. Louis Aubert, and showed intelligence and taste. The choreography of M. Leo Staats was brilliant. The quadrille obtained a veritable triumph. Mlle. Zambelli, the Fairy, danced with her usual brio, lightness and perfection. M. Staats was the Paganini. He composed a striking personage and his execution of the many capers and wild steps was excellent. M. Bakst, of course, supplied the setting and costumes.

S. H.

Sculpture at
the Paris Salon

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SCULPTURE at the Salon d'Automne is scattered in the different rooms of paintings. A good part of it is gathered on the ground floor in the big entrance hall, but to select any good pieces means tiring wanderings in the salon. There are few cubists, but there are those who try to express volumes by means of extremely simple lines. Most of the time the shapes we find behind these lines are only confused and arbitrary. This kind of sculpture, which is neither realistic nor idealistic, will in a few years appear conventional.

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Mme. Chana Orloff exhibits a series of strange masks at once expressive and caricatural, in which she excels in bringing out the character of a physiognomy. Mme. Serruys is another well-gifted artist. Her two heads have the strength and sureness of métier which characterize their author. The figures of M. Guénot are extremely alive. His delightful

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The gift comprises, fortunately, the complete set, namely, a tall chair, of considerable dignity, for the Master and with the appropriate masonic emblems inlaid at its head; and chairs of less degree for the Senior, and Junior Warden respectively. The design and workmanship shows that they must have been nearly contemporary with the foundation of the original lodge—a period of great interest, as it is that of the transition from the later style of Queen Anne and George I to that of the earlier and less degree for the Senior, and Junior Warden respectively. The design is bold and dignified and the modeling of the feet (always the crucial test of a good chair) is excellent.

This set now puts the Museum collection in a substantially better position in regard to chairs made for special occasions; for, to the beautiful mahogany example of about A. D. 1750, with its bronze lion rampant and painted coat of arms, formerly used by the president of Lyon's Inn—one of the old Inns of Chancery—there have recently been added two other typical specimens. One, in the style of Robert Manwaring, has an open scroll-work back, boldly wrought in the simple but dignified manner of that designer, and to be dated about the year 1760. The other is of about 10 years later, with padded back of French type, surmounted with a vase and garlands of

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One such volume contains the essays and some of the poems of Abram Cowley. It was published in 1886 by Cassell & Company, and the original price was ten cents. It was about four by five inches and may easily be slipped into a man's coat pocket without bulging it. A book for friendly intimacy. Had I not come into possession of this homely edition some twenty years ago, I doubt if Cowley would have ever meant anything to me. As it is, he has meant very much.

Cowley is, in these modern days, so little known by the general reader that perhaps I may be pardoned for setting down a few of the salient facts of his history. He was born in London in 1618 and lived and wrote until 1667. As a boy he was bookish and quiet, with a taste for the classics and for writing verses. During his years at Cambridge he gained fame as a youthful poet, and a poet of the old school he remained all his days. After a brief career as a scholar, he gained some political influence and entered the service of Lord Jermyn as a secretary.

Political activities were never congenial to Cowley, but it was not until the latter part of his life that he was able to retire to the quiet country life that he loved and longed for. It is this yearning, this yearning for the artificialities of court society which he came to know well, that forms the basis of his philosophy. Yet he is never bitter, but always calm and kindly. And it is this spirit that lives in his essays today, as poignant in the twentieth century as in the seventeenth. Though known chiefly as a poet, it is in his essays that we find the true Cowley, the man I came to know and to admire many years ago. There was something about Cowley's attitude toward existence that particularly appealed to me in those youthful years. I too felt something of the revolt against convention and the false

standards of wealth and society. I too was conscious of an unsatisfied taste for the quiet of country living. And so I read Cowley much and often and pondered what I read.

Now, after twenty years, I can still pick up this battered volume and find something in it worth reading, something helpful and encouraging. And I can recommend Abram Cowley to any lover of the wise and genial essay. As I glance through the little book I find many passages marked.

"It is man only that has the impudence to demand our whole time, though he neither gave it, nor can restore it, nor is able to pay any considerable value for the least part of it." (Of Liberty.)

"It is very fantastical and contradictory in human nature, that men should love themselves above all the

with flowers and sweet-smelling shrubs and generally some one would bring him a cluster of wild honey-suckles, azaleas, or the painted blossoms of Las Mariposas. The men had suddenly awakened to the fact that there were beauty and significance in these trifles, which they had so long trodden carelessly beneath their feet. A fawn of glittering mica, a fragment of variegated quartz, a bright pebble from the bed of the creek, became beautiful to eyes thus cleared and strengthened, and were invariably put aside for "The Luck." It was wonderful how many treasures the woods and hillside yielded that "would do for Tommy." Surrounded by playthings such as never child out of fairy-land had before, it is to be hoped that Tommy was content. He appeared to be securely happy, albeit there was an infantine gravity about him, a contemplative light in his round gray eyes, that sometimes worried Stumpy. He was always

A Boundless Moment

He halted in the wind, and—what was that? Far in the maples, pale, but not a ghost? He stood there bringing March against his thought. And yet too ready to believe the most.

"Oh, that's the Paradise-in-bloom," I said; And truly it was fair enough for flowers. Had we but in us to assume in March Such white luxuriance of May for ours.

We stood a moment so in a strange world. Myself as one his own pretense deceived; And then I said the truth (and we moved on): A young beech clinging to its last year's leaves.

—Robert Frost, in "New Hampshire."

watched the master mend a primitive plough, and listened to his philosophy of life the while. It was not everyone who had work in these modern times, he said, but he who had learned his trade well always had work to do. To know how to do one thing well, and to have the respect of one's community, that was satisfactory living.

The delightful inn at Asay-le-Rideau had a courtyard from which radiated not only all the activity of the inn and an auxiliary farmyard, but market-day sociability as well. At dusk, when our green table was spread with a white cloth and we were the sole diners-out-of-doors, we loved to see monsieur come from the kitchen and cross the courtyard to bring a lantern to the barn, or to draw water from the pump. On market day, the courtyard was filled with unharnessed carts (two-wheeled always); then in late afternoon with chatting gesticulating peasants, resting, and waiting while monsieur

Godliness and Victory

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

THE present-day recognition of the history contained in the Bible as authentic, and of the Bible's unparalleled practicality, causes many a one who has been brought up under religious influences, to ponder more deeply the stories related there of the lives of men, and to use them either as warnings or as examples for emulation.

In II Chronicles we find the value of a godly life and its accompanying victories plainly illustrated in the story of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. It is recorded that the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the "first ways" of his ancestor David; did not serve idols, but destroyed their altars and kept the commandments of God. He prevailed upon the princes, who had had the advantage of learning, to teach in the cities of Judah, and appointed priests and Levites to instruct the people in the law of God. One point is most noteworthy, namely, that in the same measure as Jehoshaphat established the law of God in the land, God established the kingdom of Judah in the hands of Jehoshaphat, and he had honor and riches in abundance. The fear of the Lord fell even upon the surrounding countries; so that for many years no one warred against him; while gifts of silver and herds were brought to him. When in later years three enemy tribes drew sword against him, Jehoshaphat was easily the victor; for he lived close to God.

This story surely furnishes much for emulation; for, whether we be kings or shepherds, merchants or mine workers, opera singers or dairy maids, we have our individual circle of activity, where we may prove the value of a godly life. It is a generally accepted fact that each position or office is largely what the individual incumbent makes of it. To fill a place grudgingly, merely to get a living out of it, and anxious to leave it speedily, when it has served as a stepping stone, does not bring that place up to its very best; nor does it fit its incumbent for higher work. If, however, one takes a proffered position, thanks God for getting it, and proceeds to fill it conscientiously, asking God for the wisdom to recognize its possibilities, seeking earnestly the while to attain them, the result will be perceptibly different. The very dignity of talking with God about it raises both the individual and the position to a higher level.

There flowers no balm to pain him . . . From far, from eve and morning And yon twelve-winded sky . . . But men at whites are sober And think by fits and starts. And if they think, they fasten Their hands upon their hearts . . . or, best of all:—

Wenlock Edge was umbered And bright was Abdon Burf. And warm/between them slumbered The smooth green miles of turf; Until from grass and clover The upshot beam would fade. And England over Advanced the lofty shade . . .

These things produce their complete effect just because the power to contrive them is controlled by a rigid economy; so that the general impression these lyrics leave is of a strength that never needs to strive or cry, a beauty whose quality is never strained. "Schiller," observed Coleridge, "sets you a whole town afire. But Shakespeare drops you a handkerchief." And, as there is no strain, so there are no collapses; if we could spare anything, it would be some of the poems on soldiers and on gallows. But such exceptions are few, and the most serious challenge to Housman's position will be his want of bulk. I do not think that need trouble us greatly; these poems, as Meleager said of Sappho's, are "few, but roses." The poems of Catullus are likewise few.—F. L. Lucas, in the New Statesman.

Indeed, his Shropshire lads talk with just that "wild civility" for which Herrick praised his love:—

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"Poetry was born among shepherds." (Of Agriculture.)

"The great art of cheerful poverty." (Of Agriculture.)

(Similar thoughts are to be gleaned from the essays "Of Obscurity," "Of Avarice," and "Of Greatness." Through them all runs the poet's love of nature and the country, which is perhaps best expressed in these two passages:

"But since Nature denies to most men the capacity or appetite, and Fortune allows but to a very few the opportunities or possibility, of applying themselves wholly to philosophy, the best mixture of human affairs that we can make are the employments of a country life." (Of Agriculture.)

"I never had any other desire so strong, and so like to covetousness, as that one which I had had always, that I might be master at last of a small house and large garden, with very moderate conveniences joined to them, and there dedicate the remainder of my life only to the culture of them and the study of nature." (The Garden.)

Now, without lapsing into autobiography in this connection, I would like to say that having put Cowley's philosophy more or less to the test, I have found it sound. Having gained "a small house and large garden, with very moderate conveniences joined to them," and having adopted "the employments of a country life, during the twenty years since Cowley first awakened my desire for these things, I have no reason now to turn my back on him. From my own experience, I am justified in saying that he spoke truth. His was the great doctrine of simple living, and he taught a lesson that most Americans may well heed.

The world is full of modern philosophers and prophets of sorts. They are writing many books. Some of them, perhaps, are true prophets; many of them are undoubtedly false ones. Time will winnow the wheat from the chaff. But meanwhile I find myself cautious in trusting them. Twenty years have given me something like perspective, and I would not exchange my ragged, paper-covered Cowley for all the volumes written by these young radicals.

Literature is something that can better be appraised after a lapse of time. It deteriorates, or it mellows, according to its content. Old books have a charm for me that new ones can never have, and I should like to see Abram Cowley rescued from his seventeenth century obscurity and placed beside these ardent modern "thinkers." I believe he would not suffer from the juxtaposition.

W. A. D.

Summer at Roaring Camp

On the long summer days The Luck was usually carried to the gulch, from whence the golden store of Roaring Camp was taken. There, on a blanket spread over pine-boughs, he would lie while the men were working in the ditches below. Lately, there was a rude attempt to decorate this bower

tractable and quiet, and it is recorded that once, having crept beyond his "corral," a hedge of assailed pine-boughs, which surrounded his bed, he dropped over the bank on his head in the soft earth, and remained with his mottled legs in the air in that position for at least five minutes with unflinching gravity. He was extricated without a murmur.

I hesitate to record the many other instances of his sagacity, which rest, unfortunately, upon the statements of prejudiced friends. Some of them were not without a tinge of superstition. "I crept up the bank just now," said Kentuck one day, in a breathless state of excitement, "and . . . if he wasn't talking to a jaybird as was a sittin' on his lap. There they was, just as free and sociable as anything you please, a jawn' at each other." Howbeit, whether creeping over the pine-boughs or lying lazily on his back, blinking at the leaves above him, to him the birds sang, the squirrels chattered, and the flowers bloomed. Nature was his nurse and playfellow. For him she would let slip between the leaves golden shafts of sunlight that fell just within his grasp; she would send wandering breezes to visit him with the balm of bay and resinous gums; to him the tall redwoods nodded familiarly and sleepily, the bumblebees buzzed, and the rooks cawed a slumbrous accompaniment.

Such was the golden summer of Roaring Camp. They were "flush times," and The Luck was with them. The claims had yielded enormously. The camp was jealous of its privileges and looked suspiciously on strangers. No encouragement was given to immigration, and, to make their seclusion more perfect, the land on either side of the mountain wall that surrounded the camp they duly repented. . . . The expressman—their only connecting link with the surrounding world—sometimes told wonderful stories of the camp. He would say, "They've a street up there in 'Roaring,' that would lay over any street in Red Dog. They've got vines and flowers round their houses, and they wash themselves twice a day. But they're mighty rough on strangers, and they worship an Injun baby."

Bret Harte, in "The Luck of Roaring Camp."

To think I once saw grocery shops With but a casual eye. And fingered figs and apricots As one who came to buy.

To think I never dreamed of how Bananas sway in rain, And often looked at oranges Yet never thought of Spain.

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IN JAPAN, when it is time to reel the silk, the cocoons piled up like snowdrifts beside the little brown houses of the workers are a novel sight. Generally the women reel the silk, and it is almost always they who weave. For the manufacture of certain tissues, in some cases they get the help of children. The little boy, pictured here, has, very likely, some simple office to perform in completing the fabric upon which the woman is so intently working.

The weaving industry in the Flower Kingdom follows long-established conventions. The looms upon which the most elaborate brocades are now made have varied little for centuries. Hand looms will probably always be used for the first stage of pattern weaving, because changes may be made on them in experimental work. In spite of the competition of the power loom, it seems likely that the hand loom will be retained in the making of the best weaves in several branches of textile manufacture. In China, India, and Japan, and throughout the East generally, the hand loom weavers outnumber those employed upon the textile machinery of Europe and America by several millions.

Walls in France.

Walls in France, at first a picturesque incident, become a barrier and eventually a symbol. From smiling Touraine through proverbially unreserved Paris south to tactful Savoie, there are high stone walls. They seem to shut in the intimate, simple, everyday France that a foreigner cannot enter.

Eventually one becomes impatient of barriers and eager for glimpses beyond. A half-open farmyard portal is almost an adventure. Perhaps it reveals only an old, old bent, black-dressed woman (always black against white walls) feeding chickens, or a man at a grindstone near an ancient well. Once there was a family at table under a tree, and beyond, the open shadowy portal of a white, thick-walled house. In Savoie, high in the mountains, there were an old man and an old woman threshing with long flails that made beautiful rhythms of sound and movement.

But glimpses taken thus give no single complete picture of what goes on within. In Chinon a broken knapsack strap gained for us entrance through large portals, over an empty courtyard, to a shop beyond. There was the one taciturn employee, so intent on the harness he was making that he left to the shy, brown-eyed boy the task of taking care of us. It was the master himself who came at last from the courtyard, and discussed in minute detail every step of the work he was to do. When we came, two days later, for the pack, there were monsieur and madame, his wife, and the brown-eyed son, and the taciturn workman to watch our delight with the most beautiful shoulder straps any pack has ever borne.

At Beaugency, within a blacksmith shop's portals while we waited for the journeyman to repair a tire, we

harnessed the horses. A tiny triumph was the first morning that the portals swung wide and we rode out through them to the street.

The greatest conquest seems that of one's first closing from within of house portals. It was at Chinon that our friend, the old epicure lady led us to her daughter's house on the Rue Jean d'Arc. A gentle rap opened that door, and presented in the half light of evening a long passage that ended in another open door that led to a garden. There was, too, a sweet voiced Tourangelles, the epicure lady's granddaughter, who led us then farther within to the parlor: a parlor crowded with china, with furniture, with beribboned pictures, and fancy lamps, with cushions of tulle-over-silk. Madame, the granddaughter's mother came too, then, and lighted one of the lamps. We sat on the tulle-covered cushions and tried to answer in kind the gentle compliments and politely phrased questions of the two madames and the one mademoiselle. We felt very western and almost harshly intrusive, but we were within the walls.

"Few, But Roses"

It is a curiosity of literature that so late in the development of English poetry it should have been possible to bring harmonies so new, so invariably perfect, out of some of its most hackneyed metres. Swinburne produced many of his miracles by brilliant modifications of old metrical forms. Beethoven, recaptured, as no one since has done, the secret magic of Elizabethan blank verse. But Professor Housman modifies little and recaptures nothing; though the Carolines used some of his verse-forms to perfection, they are not like him. And when one sits down and puzzles where one has seen anything really akin to this Melchisedek, there comes only the unexpected half-answer: "In Heine."

But this does not go far toward explaining how his effects are produced; it is easy to docket the artifices he so boldly and openly uses, such as the assonance and alliteration of

Ah, past the plunge of plummet, In seas I cannot sound, My heart and soul and senses, World without end, are drowned. . . .

It is simple to note the repetition carried even beyond Roman bounds till, once, it becomes a little self-caricature:—

The goal stands up, the keeper Stands up to keep the goal.

But the charm endures where these devices are not; there are so many strings to this bow with its sweet swallow-song—pause and shift of stress, fingering and vowel-play, and above all, the skill which keeps the diction of these lyrics so simple and close to the directness of prose, without ever transgressing that fatal boundary, by its perfect intermingling of the unexpected word with the speech of everyday, of the unexpected thought with the looked-for conclu-

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EDITORIALS

WHILE inspired reports from Washington deny the existence of any difference of opinion between President

Russia: A Bone of Contention

Coolidge and Secretary Hughes regarding Russia, there is a marked divergence of thought manifested in the expressions of the President, as set forth in his message to Congress, and the views of the Secretary of State, as expressed in his letter to Georgi Tchitcherin. It would seem the part of ordinary intelligence to be guided in this matter rather by these official utterances than by the whispered assurances of secretaries to each of these statesmen that in fact they are wholly at one. And, after all, the more important matter is not whether the President and the Secretary are wholly united on this proposition. What does matter is whether the Administration will be best serving the interests of the United States and most contributing to the welfare of the civilized world as a whole by rejecting coldly all overtures made by the present Government of Russia. Secretary Hughes' letter impresses one as such a rejection, and its tone leaves no doubt as to the justice of the adjective "cold" when applied to it. The President's message, on the other hand, held out promise that, given certain concessions on the part of Russia, the United States Government would be willing to consider the resumption of diplomatic relations.

What were these concessions? First, compensation was demanded for all losses sustained by American citizens during the revolution. Second, it was asserted that the public debt, contracted on behalf of the Russian Revolutionary Government by Kerensky, should be recognized by the Soviet successors to his régime. And third, it was insisted that "the active spirit of enmity to our institutions" on the part of Russians should be abated. To the first two of these demands the Russians responded that they were prepared to enter into negotiations with a view to an ultimate settlement. No more than this could be asked of any government. Even debts so clearly due the United States as those incurred by France, Great Britain and Italy required discussion before arrangements for payment were made, and in the case of only one of these three nations has that discussion been held, and the arrangement completed. It would not seem that in asking for an opportunity to bargain, Russia is seeking concessions any more material than those which every debtor to the United States has insisted upon.

To the proposition that "the active spirit of enmity to our institutions" should be ended by Russia, Mr. Tchitcherin set up a counter plea that a "treaty should be based on the principle of mutual nonintervention in internal affairs." That theory finds a place in practically every treaty, and it is a dogma almost universally recognized in international relations. The United States used to interfere to a certain degree in the internal affairs of Turkey, but the new treaty, now pending in the Senate, by its acceptance of the withdrawal of the capitulations, removes all vestige of such interference. The State Department is favoring the treaty with Turkey, and it would seem in a poor position to contest the application of a like policy to Russia.

The Secretary of State, however, extends the President's reference to "the active spirit of enmity to our institutions" so as to make it seem to refer to the prosecution of an active propaganda for the extension of Communism into other lands, notably into the United States. It would be a source of very great enlightenment to the people if the State Department would make public its information as to the extent of that propaganda. Terrifying reports concerning it come constantly to every newspaper office, but evidences of the existence of the propaganda are exceedingly difficult to obtain. Certain United States senators and two Methodist bishops have expressed themselves warmly in favor of Russian recognition after protracted visits to that country. Are they to be dismissed as dangerous propagandists? If other form of propaganda than this is being pursued to any material extent, it would seem that the State Department, if possessed of exact knowledge on the subject, should make it public.

It has long been the conviction of the Monitor that the menace of Communism in the world at large, so far as it may proceed from the nucleus furnished by the Russian Government, can best be combated by opening Russia to international recognition and international trade. The more the people of that country are brought into touch with the normal methods of trade and industry in other lands, the greater their opportunities will be to witness how immeasurably more comfortable are the great masses of citizens under merely democratic forms of government, and the more certain they will be to overthrow the small minority which now holds them in subjection to a Communistic rule as autocratic as that of the government of the tsars.

One of the most healthful signs in connection with the prohibition movement in the United States is the manner in which a number of student bodies of the universities of the country are going on record in favor of unqualified enforcement of the law. A few months ago the Penn State Collegian, a semi-weekly periodical published by the students of the

Law and Order for College Students

Pennsylvania State College during the college year, contained an editorial urging the strict observance of the prohibition law in connection with the fourth annual recurrence of alumni home-coming. Now the student council of this same university has adopted unanimously a resolution embodying an official student protest against all illegal traffic in alcoholic beverages, and heartily indorsing any action on the part of the college administra-

tion in punishing students committing such offenses in violation of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the country.

The Pennsylvania resolution is remarkable, in that it sets forth unmistakably the sense of the student bodies of many of the great institutions of learning in the United States and opens the way for similar action on their part. The ground for the resolution contains, among other statements, these words: "Whereas the only effective means of aiding in the enforcement of the amendment are by the total abstinence of all individuals, and by the active co-operation of all citizens in preventing and reporting violations by others." This statement strikes at the very heart of all successful enforcement. It is useless to pass laws, as such, unless they have the weight of opinion of the people behind them. And it is becoming most gratifyingly true that little by little the world is realizing that the only successful prohibition will be an outgrowth of the reform in individual consciousness.

Particularly important, of course, in this instance, is the fact that when the developing generation resolutely supports the prohibition reform, its progress is assured. Let the youth of the Nation take its stand on the platform outlined in this resolution, and no fear or apprehension need be felt for the future of the movement.

WALTER W. HEAD, president of the American Bankers' Association, recently gave out figures to show a few of the material elements of strength possessed by the United States. They are impressive. A newspaper printed them in large black type with the heading: "Why Is America Great? Digest These Figures." The United States, Mr. Head said, has:

Make America's Power a Blessing

110,000,000 persons, occupying 3,700,000 square miles of territory, and possessing wealth estimated at \$300,000,000,000.
Bank deposits aggregating approximately \$40,000,000,000.
500,000,000 acres of improved farm lands valued at \$77,000,000,000.
More than 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn and 1,000,000,000 bushels of wheat produced in a year.
More than \$60,000,000,000 worth of manufactured products turned out in a year.
More than 25,000,000 gallons of crude oil produced in a year.
More than 250,000 miles of railroad.
800,000 miles of telephone lines.

Mr. Head might have added, to make this showing more striking, that about two-thirds of the gold of the world is in the United States and that the yellow stream is flowing toward that country in steady volume.

The consciousness of having normal physical strength is a good thing for a man to possess, if he has work to do and a desire to perform it. Its value, however, both to himself and others, is measured by the use to which he puts it. If his time and his thoughts are devoted mainly to pleasing contemplation of his own prowess, if his capabilities are allowed to go unexercised, or are employed only for his own gratification without effort at service for others, if his attention is given to preserving and increasing his physical endowments to the neglect of his higher faculties, he becomes of small value either to himself or his associates, and is not an admired spectacle as a man. On the other hand, if he uses his strength, in subservience to his spiritual nature, for the benefit of others, he is building upon a sturdy foundation.

Nations differ not one whit from individual men in these respects. History is filled with examples of peoples and empires that possessed wide territory, teeming populations, vast herds of cattle, huge stores of corn, gold and jewels, and wealth almost beyond computation in multitudinous forms, yet were neither really prosperous nor happy, were of little value to mankind as a whole, and, after a brief period of vulgar pride and empty, ostentatious display, withered, decayed, and disappeared.

There are not lacking those who believe that the United States is on the high road toward this fate. They are not without signs to which to point in justification of their opinion. Frequent display of prideful figures like those furnished by Mr. Head, exulting contemplation of them, mingled with warnings that the United States must live for itself alone without sharing in responsibilities or obligations that fall to it as a member of the family of nations, are some of those signs. There is no doubt that the United States, rich and strong, is subject to the temptations of wealth and power. But it is well to remember that the Nation is very young yet and that its riches and strength have come to it in early youth, that like all young manhood its character is very susceptible to good as well as bad influences, and that there are abundant indications that, while tempted, the people as a whole have not yielded alarmingly or beyond hope of reform.

Never was there a nation that showed quicker or more generous impulses or a livelier readiness to give of its substance and its services for the benefit of others. These are its natural characteristics that should be stimulated and encouraged and appealed to. Its heart is right. It rejoices in the finer and higher things of life, as well as in flocks, and herds, and corn, and stores of unmeasured gold. Let those who take a lofty pride in the country's higher character and noble destiny use without flagging their powers of persuasion and leadership toward keeping youthful America in the paths of its best tendencies. Then its wealth and power will not hurt it, but be an immeasurable blessing to itself and the world.

WE LEARNED in our copy-book days that the shoemaker should stick to his last. None the less, an irresistible impulse urges the individual to masquerade in some other man's shoes; just as the child delights to don the trappings of his elders, so authors do not rest content to be authors, but usurp the place of the lecturers. After all is said, there are few men who can succeed with two professions; if a man writes particularly well, it is safe to assume that he will not

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exercise the same skill in his public speaking. Otherwise he would have been a speaker first. Yet, in spite of this, a steady stream of famous authors, with indifferent results, make their bows upon the lecture platforms, presumably with the creditable ambition of adding to their renown, to say nothing of fattening their purses. Names upon names crowd the memory, names the slightest smirching of which makes us cringe.

Now and then, when such a man as Mr. Conrad refuses to succumb to the lure, the public draws a deep breath of relief. He, at least, is to remain upon his pedestal. And in this manifestation of restraint, as well as in so many other respects, he is an example to his fellows. What a thing it is to let well enough alone. As to the latest visiting lecturer in the United States—well, if his audiences had not already enjoyed his novels, they would be likely to let them severely alone. However, it is well to remember that exceptions prove the rule, and that there are exceptions even here.

"READING the dictionary," to use Mark Twain's phrase, is the means recommended by a recent writer for enlarging one's vocabulary.

What appears to be one of the humorist's jokes is found, when the jest is understood, to be sound sense. The dictionary may be, and probably most often is, used merely as a handy reference book. But the humorist had undoubtedly found, as anyone may find, that a flood of light often streams over a subject when the origin of a word is considered. Stems, and prefixes, and suffixes, and synonyms, and antonyms are spread out in the dictionary for all to take for the seeking. And he who will study words with regard for these elements will gain the mastery of their shades of meaning and be introduced to many related words.

Volumes of advice have been, and will probably continue to be, written about the use of words. One is told that he must increase his vocabulary; and on the other hand, he is advised to use no words that he can spare. Jack London, who gained as many as twenty new words a day, is held up as a shining example for the industrious. Someone else counsels the more modest resolve to adopt two new words each week. The development of word-power keeps pace with the growth of individuality, says one; while another avers that the increased word hoard will reflect in one's speech and one's thought, as well. Still another, more analytical, asserts that each one has two vocabularies: one, latent, consisting of those words which are understood; the other, dynamic, consisting of the words which are readily used. The vocabulary, then, must be expanded by turning the latent into the dynamic. The authorities all have excellent advice to offer; none better, perhaps, than the counsel to widen the vocabulary, "not that you may use many or large words, but that you may use few, and those few exact for the occasion."

Intelligent reading and listening are cited as the logical and prolific sources from which to acquire new words. Seeking the exact meaning of these new verbal acquaintances through the dictionary habit, and then making them one's own by active use, are the next natural steps toward emancipation from word penury. The core of the problem, however, is the obvious truth that, since words are the symbols of ideas, clear thinking is at the heart of effective expression through the medium of language, just as it is the foundation of all other modes of successful expression. Exact thinking will pursue until it captures the only word that will express the idea, for the simple reason that such thinking cannot otherwise be satisfied.

It is not easy to gain a wide command of language, since it is not easy to acquire the ability to think clearly. More difficulty, however, attends the neglect to cultivate these powers. It will be remembered that Sentimental Tommy once drew public scorn upon himself for want of a word. "It is so easy, too, to find the right word," asserted Mr. Gloag, one of the irate examiners.

"It's not!" cried Tommy. "It's as difficult as to hit a squirrel."

A little later, when the young essay-writer had found the elusive thing, he thrust his tear-stained face in the door to say: "I ken the word now; it came to me at once; it is hantle!"

Then it was that Mr. Ogilvy observed: "He had to think of it till he got it—and he got it. The laddie is a genius!"

Editorial Notes

WHETHER the recent action of a deputation from the Borough Council of St. Pancras, in waiting upon the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London, will result in any much greater measure of relief for the traffic congestion in the neighborhood of the Britannia than is at present available, only the future can tell. The fact that such a step was taken, however, illustrates anew the need for a real traffic authority for all London over a wide area. It may be recalled that the Government promised legislation to this end in the session which has just been cut short, and it would seem that the next Parliament will find itself almost compelled to give serious attention to this problem.

HERE is a pretty story published in the Oakland Post Enquirer some short while after the recent Berkeley fire: W. J. Mortimer, whose home lay in the devastated area, owned a large aviary, which contained about ninety feathered inmates. Seeing the advancing flames, Mr. Mortimer flung open the doors of the cage and bade them all good-by. Next morning, when revisiting the charred remains of his home, he suddenly was surprised to see a canary flying toward him. Almost at once another appeared, and still another followed. Within fifteen minutes he was surrounded by a regular bevy, and by the time he had managed to improvise a cage once again more than half of the birds had returned.

The Third Floor Front

DUBLIN, Dec. 4 (Special Correspondence)—Every now and then, in and out of literature, one meets him—the bachelor of letters. By the Seine he is either a Sylvestre Bonnard, breathing bibliography, or a Branchut, tumbling from philosophy into philosophy, and ending his evenings in the din and eloquence of Le Chat Maigre. In London, he lives in Bloomsbury, reviews books, and wears out most of his shoes in Charing Cross Road. In Dublin, where nearly every one is involved with the Red Branch Cycle, and where every one takes himself with passionate seriousness—which is to be expected, of course, in the hub of the universe—the literary bachelor is either swallowed up in cliques or matrimony. Indeed, apart from an imaginary example of my own, who lives in Jamaica Road, Bermondsey, and Charles Lamb, who belongs to Mr. Lucas, I can remember but one bachelor who did credit to his family—to his pen, ink, paper and bookcase.

He lived in various parts of a house hollow with echoes in the loudest part of Belfast. When you knocked at the door the noise echoed from floor to floor. In time, if you knocked loudly enough and waited sufficiently long, the "dragon" (so I used to call him when he was out of earshot) would tramp down stairs to let you in. He would welcome you with warmth and with an abstracted twinkle in his eyes. But the turn of his features, particularly the long nose, with its skyward tilt at the end, and the hoops of whimsicalness, which bowed constantly about his mouth and chin, made him so like a music hall turn that one never knew if one ought to thank him for his courtesy, or applaud him for his make-up.

He lived, as I said, in various parts of the house, but in support of this I have only circumstantial evidence. There was a bicycle in a state of perpetual puncture in the unfurnished hall. Up the first flight of bare stairs, on the landing, were usually the remnants of his luncheon, or the beginnings of his tea. At the end of a cold passage, one saw an iron bedstead, and on the next landing a gas stove. There was no sign of furniture, until one got into his room at the top of the house, and then there was only hungry and thin linoleum, a cantankerous table, and chairs which looked at one appealingly lest one should sit on them. A couple of tattered armchairs, greasy with years of meditation, lounged by the fire, and all round the room were the only things that mattered: books, books, old and young, thin and ponderous, portentous and ephemeral, each volume decently swaddled in white paper.

I remember my first visit to that room and how I settled myself among the complaining springs of one of those armchairs. The "dragon" was looking frayed and philosophical. On his table were a pile of new novels, some typed manuscripts, and the remains of a leg of mutton which, with skillful carving and no visitors, might have lasted another meal. I remember making this estimate as he talked; thrift and mutton have since been synonymous terms to me. I saw he had been darning a woollen sock before I came, and I began to wonder if I should apologize for my new overcoat. I tried to lose my gloves.

It was not until I forgot about myself and listened to his talk, and to the way his tongue rollicked among words and ideas, that I saw it was he who really furnished the room. His way of scraping the soot off the fireplace with a poker while he gossiped about bibliography and bargains, was a revelation. I never knew a poker could eke out one's meaning with such deftness. I think his life must have been like his conversation, enthusiastic and with sudden exits and entrances at first; latterly whimsical, critical, amused, with armchair tones and poker flourishes.

He had cultivated or dropped into an agreeable and gentle monotone, and one consequently listened to his words rather than to his voice. To listen to him was to discover that beauty is simple and natural, requiring not the throbs of emphasis, but quiet in which to be heard. I thought all this as he made designs on the fireplace with his poker. His droll face was in shadow. "The mountains are very beautiful now," he said, but without looking to the rain-blurred windows. Then I saw that, always, his room was furnished with a vision of the Cave Hill, indigo and gray, with the light snow like lace upon it. If you read his books—if you are one of the few who read them—you will see how he filled his room with dreams.

He had his humors. He cultivated a queer kind of intellectual testiness, which is the armor of the bibliophile. He cultivated cantankerous tastes in literature and art; said no one had written anything since "Tom Jones," nor painted anything since Botticelli. But he was allowed these crotchety ideas, for, besides being a bachelor, he was, perforce, a reviewer and, by instinct, a collector. He said he could collect anything, from woodcuts to hatpins, and held there was much to be said for tram tickets and cotton reels. First editions of George Moore were worth picking up, too. He had a complete set, which (with a critical twinkle) he kept merely for their commercial value. "I dislike keeping books," he said, but the walls of the room belied him.

Not the least perverse of his ideas was his refusal ever to leave Belfast. Was it that, when he was about to pack up his belongings, he thought of the snow on the Cave Hill? Could he not for pity's sake leave that bare room fireless and without his dreams? Or was it, perhaps, a touch of poetic egotism—he had the pretty arrogance of one who thought more of his books than of his food. As the blue shadows of a November evening wandered about the room, on the day of my first visit, we became silent for awhile. Our thoughts were disturbed by the shrill noise of sirens from the surrounding mills, by the clanging of the special trams to fetch the workers, the shouting of newsboys with the evening paper. A strong smell of size ran in through the open window. He pointed to a Botticelli reproduction over his mantelpiece.

"You must have some one here," he said, loftily, "to think of things like that."

"Know anything about painting?" I asked.

"Nothing," he replied.

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Woman's Place in the Ancient East

WOMEN of the Orient, though they may have lived in veiled seclusion, have, none the less, exerted a vast influence on the history and the culture of the East, according to W. G. Blaikie Murdoch, who writes in Orient that, though Muhammadanism, finally, gave a secluded life to women, "originally the faith raised their status in the Near East, and when, just after the prophet's day, Islam spread into Central Asia, it was decreed that a mountain in Persia should be kept sacred to women minded to pray, and no male allowed to climb its slopes. Through long centuries the fair sex in Japan held an honored position, one greatly different from their position in modern times. It is unlikely that any Western land has brought forth nearly so many ladies distinguished in literature as the Empire of the Rising Sun. In old Chinese books Japan is frequently spoken of as the Empress Country, for her scepter was repeatedly swayed by woman."